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Puratchi Thalaivar M.G.R.
Centenary Celebrations
Grand Functions Held in 30 Districts

Hon'ble Chief Minister

- Launched 2329 Schemes completed at a cost of Rs. 5127.11 crore.
- Laid the Foundation for 3200 New Schemes estimated to cost Rs. 5712.90 crore.
- Made 521 New Announcements.
- Distributed Welfare Assistance of Rs. 5397.52 to 8,11,481 Beneficiaries.

Awards Won by Various Departments

Police Department

- R.S. Puram Police station ranked as the best police station in the country in the category of SMART Police Stations. Anna Nagar Police station ranked as the fifth best in the country.

Agriculture Department

- Special commendation award from South Asia Foodgrains organization.
- National level award for Agricultural science department, Coimbatore
- ICAR award for demonstration of oil seeds cultivation
- National-level Mahendra Samriddhi award for processing technology of small grains.
- Weed Management award under All India Integrated Research Scheme
- Sir J.C.Bose Memorial Award for forestry and environmental protection

Tourism, culture and religious endowments

- Best Swachh Iconic Place award to Arulmigu Meenakshi Sundereswarar temple under Swachh Bharat Mission
- UNESCO's Asia Pacific award of merit 2017 for renovation and restoration of the Sri Ranganathaswami temple in Srirangam

Industries Department

- Tamil Nadu Newsprint and Papers limited
- At the national level, prestigious award for 2016, for Best Paper Factory
- National award of Confederation of Indian Industry, and award for Best Energy Management 2017

Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department

- Under the Prime Minister's Rural Roads Scheme, Central government's cash incentive for completion of road works in time.

Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department

- Award at the national level for management of solid waste.

Revenue Department

- Skoch award of merit to Tamil Nadu government revenue department for successful implementation of plan to put details of land documents online

Information Technology Department

- Tamil Nadu e - Governance Agency gets award for best e-Governance Agency at the national level

Health & Family Welfare Department

- Award for Organ Transplantation.

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Within a year of taking the reins of power with the blessings of Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma, we have envisaged schemes for many years and have carved out achievements that will be spoken of for a hundred years.

- Thiru. Edappadi K. Palaniswami
Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu

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ADI DRAVIDAR AND TRIBAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT

- Orders have been issued for construction of 2 Tribal Hostels in Trichy District one for 100 ST Girls at Thuraiyur at a cost of Rs.2.30 crore and one for 200 ST Boys at Sengattupatti at a cost of Rs.3.60 crore.
- Orders have been issued for enhancement of students strength from 700 to 1,200 who pursue full time Ph.D studies.
- Orders have been issued for Provision of Fast Track Power Supply to 100 Tribal Farmers at the rate of Rs.75,000/- per farmer at a total cost of Rs.75 lakh.
- Orders have been issued for construction of 2 Community halls in Pachamalai and Thenpuranadu in Trichy District at an estimated cost of Rs.50 lakh each.
- Orders have been issued for creation of website for tribal people to apply for various welfare schemes through online at a cost of Rs.85,000/-.
- Orders have been issued for upgradation of ADW / GTR 5 Primary Schools as Middle Schools, 5 Middle School as High School and 4 High Schools as Higher Secondary Schools.
- Orders have been issued for enhancement of monthly food charges from Rs.875/- to Rs.1,000/- for college students and Rs.755/- to Rs.900/- for school students.
- Orders have been issued for construction of 2 Model residential schools with staff quarters in Jawadhu Hills at a cost of Rs.24 crore.
- Under implementation of Scheduled Tribes and other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights Act) 2006, 2,921 Individual Rights and 116 Community Rights have been distributed.
- 1,915 SC farmers were given free power connections under this scheme with an initial deposit amount of Rs.1.91 crore.
- 18,315 Adi Dravidars have been benefitted at a subsidy of Rs.44.42 crore under Economic Development Schemes.

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- In view of poor storage of water in Mettur dam, the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 12.06.2017, has announced the "Kuruvai Cultivation Package 2017" in delta Districts at an outlay of Rs.56.92 crore, with an objective to protect the welfare of the delta farmers and to encourage the farmers to take up Kuruvai cultivation with focus on pulse crop utilizing the ground water in delta Districts. Due to implementation of this package, an area of 2.73 lakh acres of Paddy and 0.683 lakh acres of Pulses was covered, in delta region.
- Further, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has announced Samba Package 2017 with a budget outlay of Rs.41.15 crore on 28.09.2017 when announcement was made for the Mettur dam opening on 02.10.2017 to protect the welfare of the farmers by giving priority to direct sowing utilizing the rainfall received in delta Districts. Due to this package, 2,51,534 farmers were benefited and paddy coverage touched an area of 10.685 lakh acre.
- For improvement of pulses, more focus was given by State Government. An area of 19.40 lakh acres under pulses crop was achieved during 2016-2017 by implementing cluster demonstration of Pulses and awareness Campaign under Pulses development programme. An amount of Rs.74.73 crore has been spent for seed production and seed distribution, distribution of implements, important inputs such as MN Mixture,

Gypsum and PP Chemicals at subsidised cost.

- During 2017-2018, in order to attain the self sufficiency in pulses production, it has been programmed to bring an area of 23.22 lakh acre with a financial assistance of Rs.78.83 crore. So far, an area of 19.36 lakh acre hectare has been brought under pulses cultivation.
- Tamil Nadu has experienced an unprecedented drought in 2016, State Government has taken sincere efforts to bring more farmers under crop insurance cover for compensating the yield loss.
- Due to the steps taken by the Government, an area of 31.85 lakh acre was insured and 15.37 lakh farmers have been enrolled. A sum of Rs.565 crore was released to the Insurance Companies as the State share of premium subsidy. So far, an amount of Rs.3,020 crore has been sanctioned to more than 9 lakh farmers as compensation claims and a sum of Rs. 2,512 crore has been credited to 7.49 lakh farmers account. The State Government is continuously following with Insurance companies and bankers for crediting the balance compensation.
- During 2017-2018, the State has planned to insure 40% of the total cropped area. Till date an area of 23 lakh acres has been insured by enrolling 11.57 lakh farmers during Kharif, 2017, Paddy II and Rabi 2017-2018 seasons.
- During the year 2017-2018 under the "Mission Soil Health Card" scheme, so far 6.51 lakh soil samples have been collected and 5.53 lakh samples analysed and 5.23 lakh Soil Health cards were distributed to the farmers, for soil test based application of fertilizers.
- For promotion of Integrated Farming System among farmers, inputs were distributed in 13,550 hectare. to encourage two crop sequence. Milch animals and small ruminants are being distributed. 453 Permanent and 500 Temporary Vermi compost units were established utilising Rs.15.88 crore.
- Paramparaghat Krishi Vikas Yojana is being implemented as a three year continuous scheme in 10 Districts covering 4,646 acres in cluster approach. In 2017-2018, second year activities viz., conversion of land to organic, procurement of organic inputs, Integrated Nutrient Management, Marketing of organic produce are being implemented.
- With an aim to improve area under cotton, the Tamil Nadu Cotton Cultivation mission (TNCCM) is being implemented in the year 2017-2018 Cotton has been covered in 4.35 lakh acre (1.755 lakh hectare). A sum of Rs.11.20 crore was spent towards Micro Irrigation, distribution of inputs such as certified seeds, MN mixture, liquid bio fertilizer, biocides and PP chemicals and rotavators.

- With an objective to enhance the sugarcane productivity, Sustainable Sugarcane Initiatives (SSI) is programmed to a target of 16000 hectare at a financial outlay of Rs.30 crore during 2017-2018. Against 1600 shade nets, 1,411 numbers of shadenets were installed and single bud chips seedlings are being produced and distributed to sugarcane growers.

- State Government is giving more emphasis for modernization of Agricultural Extension Centres. A total of 100 Integrated Agricultural Extension Centres (IAEC) at a cost of Rs.150 crore, was proposed for modernization. Construction has been completed in 77 IAECs.

- Construction of building for Organic fertilizers Testing Laboratory at Coimbatore and Trichy was completed at an amount of Rs.150 lakh and inaugurated by Hon'ble Chief Minister and put into use.

- Construction of building for Soil Testing Laboratories at Erode and Tirunelveli were completed with a financial outlay of Rs.60 lakh per lab and inaugurated by Hon'ble Chief Minister and put into use.

- State Government has taken various measures for increasing the income of Coconut growers, In the year 2017-2018, the Government has taken a policy decision to permit the production of Neera from coconut trees and issued notification on 21.12.2017. Now, applications are being called for from the Coconut Producers Organizations for issuing Licence.

- For enhancing the income of dry land farmers, Government has introduced a new scheme namely "Mission on Sustainable Dry land Agriculture" at a total cost Rs.802.9 crore, being implemented for 4 years from 2016-2017 to 2019-2020 in 1000 dry land cluster covering 1,000 hectares in a cluster.

- As a initial step, 200 Clusters were identified in 2016-2017, an area of 5 lakh acres of dry land was ploughed in 2017-2018 the subsidy cost of Rs. 500 per acre in 200 Dry land Clusters.

- In total 311 Entry point activities such as check-dams, Village ponds, Community ponds, Ooranies, Sunken ponds have been formed. For this activity, a sum of Rs.10 crore was released at Rs.5 lakh per cluster.

- Seeds and other inputs have been distributed at 50% subsidy to farmers to sustain the yield in the dryland area. A total sum of Rs.50 crore was allotted for 5 lakh acres in the first year. So far, 4,53,926 acres of dry land area has been sown under millets, pulses, oil seeds and cotton during this year. So far, input subsidy of Rs.24.68 crore were disbursed to farmers. Due to the implementation of this mission, area under millets has been increased to 21.915 lakh acres and area under pulses has been increased to 19.36 lakh acres, till 05.02.2018.

- Custom hiring centers are proposed for the benefit of dry land farmers for use of farm machineries on nominal rent. A total sum of Rs.16 crore was allotted for 200 clusters at a subsidy amount of Rs.8 lakh per custom hiring center. So far, 124 Custom Hiring Centers were established utilising the subsidy amount of Rs.9.6 crore.

- As announced in the Budget Speech 2017-2018 by the Hon'ble Finance Minister, a pilot project of Collective Farming was introduced and 2,000 Farmer Producer Groups each comprising 100 small and marginal farmers benefitting two lakh farmers this year. Each Farmer Producer Group activity engaged in collective farming will be given a corpus fund of Rs.5 lakh. During 2017-2018, a sum of Rs.100 crore was allotted for this purpose.

- For reduced use of pesticides, the Government is giving emphasis for adoption of Integrated Pest Management practices. As a part of this intiative 20,000 Portable Solar Power Light Traps are being distributed at 50% subsidy for an outlay of Rs.4 crore during 2017-2018.

- For empowering the farmers on latest farm technologies,

- 56 Interstate Trainings and 37 Within the State trainings and 8,646 District level trainings conducted. 3,48,440 farmers were benefitted at a cost of Rs.997 lakh.

- Besides, 413 Inter State Exposure Visits, 341 Within the State Exposure Visits of farmers and 657 Within the District Exposure visits have been taken up with an amount of Rs.634.67 lakh benefitting 58,160 farmers. 932 Farm Schools have also been organized at a cost of Rs.263.63 lakh and 23,300 farmers were benefitted.

- 7,229 demonstrations were organized at a cost of Rs.298.3 lakh for the benefitting 7,229 farmers. 81 farmers and 31 officers visited Thailand, Israel, Philippines and

China under the International Exposure Visit programme.

- For increasing the area and productivity under Horticulture Crops through high tech Horticulture New Area Expansion, Protected cultivation and other components including bee keeping are being promoted for which a sum of Rs.117.27 crore allotted.

- Assistance of Rs.1.87 crore is being extended for soil health improvement and environment protection through organic farming by promotion of PGS Certification in 51 clusters of 27 Districts.

- For judicious use of water, Micro Irrigation (MI) scheme is being promoted for which 100% subsidy is extended to Small/Marginal farmers and 75% subsidy to Other farmers. In the year 2017-2018, Micro Irrigation is implemented in 3 lakh acres at an outlay of Rs.804 crore. So far 2.23 lakh acres have been registered and the installation is in progress. After the introduction of GST from 01.07.2017, the cost of MI systems has been increased and thereby increasing the farmer's contribution also. In order to reduce the burden on farmers, the State Government have issued orders to absorb the GST in the State subsidy.

- In State Horticulture Farms, 658.23 lakh Nos of Quality Planting Materials have been Produced and being distributed to farmers.

- For Modernization of State Horticulture Farms, works such as Face lifting of parks, Center of Excellence for cut flowers and vegetables are in progress. Infrastructure facilities for seed production in 19 State Horticulture Farms are being carried out at an outlay of Rs.2,076.57 lakh.

- As special livelihood package was announced by Hon'ble CM on 11.12.2017 to provide relief and recultivation assistance to the "Ockhi Cyclone" hit Kanyakumari, Tirunelveli and Thoothukudi Districts farmers. Accordingly, the assistance for the Banana cultivated farmers is Rs.48,500 to 63,500 per hectare, for Rubber tree cultivated farmers assistance is Rs.1 lakh

per hectare and for Clove cultivated farmers the assistance is Rs.28,000 per hectare.

- Through Regulated Markets, 19.86 lakh MT of agricultural produce were sold by farmers and Rs.100.54 crore was collected as revenue from traders.
- In Regulated Markets Pledge loan to the tune of Rs.37.23 crore have been issued to 2,363 farmers and Rs. 6.10 crore to 567 traders.
- Own buildings to Tiruppur Regulated Market in Tiruppur District, Kudavasal and Poonthottam Regulated Markets in Tiruvarur District, Edapadi and Konganapuram Regulated Markets in Salem District, Sethiathoppu and Srimushnam Regulated Markets in Cuddalore District are being constructed at a total cost of Rs.14.84 crore.
- Considering the benefits to the farmers, notification of Market area has been issued for establishment of Tirunavalur Regulated Market in Villupuram and Pullampadi Regulated Market in Perambalur Districts.
- To facilitate the farmers to have more option for selling their produce, traders to have access to large National market and bulk buyers, processors, exporters to have direct participation in local mandies to get remuneration price for farmers produce. e-National Agriculture Market (e-NAM) has been launched in 30 Regulated Markets and 8 Agricultural Producers
- Co-operative Marketing Societies as a first phase at a cost of Rs.102.84 crore.
- To ensure holistic development of farmers through formation of 13 Farmer Producer Organisations, an amount of Rs. 5.54 crore has been sanctioned.
- Processing and value addition of agricultural produces, provision of Mobile Tomato Puree Vending machine, Solar Dryer for turmeric and coconut will be carried out at a cost of Rs.2.24 crore.
- To impart Value addition training, disseminate market information and forecast the price of agricultural produce to the farmers and other stakeholders in a better manner, e-Learning Centres are being established in 10 Districts at a cost of Rs.7.34 crore.
- To prevent post harvest losses and for value addition a mega project "Supply Chain Management of Fruits, Vegetables and Other Perishables" is being implemented in 10 Districts under WIF scheme at a cost of Rs.398.75 Crore. Civil works for Primary Processing Centres and Main Markets at an estimated cost of Rs. 253.66 crore are under progress.
- Agmark grading protects the consumers from harmful effects of consuming adulterated food products and ensures quality of food products. Through Agmark Labs, 13.12 lakh quintal food products have been graded.

- Through the Training centre of Tamil Nadu State Agricultural Marketing Board, 415 trainings on Post harvest Technology Management to 8,299 farmers and 66 trainings on Capacity Building to 1,180 Officials were imparted.

- To dessiminate latest agricultural technologies to farmers and to sensitise the Department officials, Seminars on Banana, Chillies and Vegetables, fruits and coconut neera were organized.

- For the benefit of farmers of 18 sub basins, an amount of Rs.14.13 crore has been sanctioned by the world bank for Improving Farmer access to Markets, Promoting Agri Enterprises & Institutional Strengthening and organizing Capacity Building training programme.

- 50 Nos. of infrastructure including Kallikudi Central Market for Fruits, Vegetable and Flowers, Integrated Market Complex for chillies, Storage godowns, Cold storage and Transaction shed constructed at a total cost of Rs. 125.62 crore were inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister for the benefit of farmers.

- The State Government aims to promote Farm Mechanization to minimize the problems due to shortage of labourers and to enable the farmers to take up timely agricultural practices. So far, 4,375 numbers of agricultural machinery and implements were distributed to farmers with a subsidy assistance Rs.32 crore.

- 490 Custom Hiring Centers with the subsidy assistance of Rs. 43.86 crore were also established by registered Farmers groups / Entrepreneur / Women SHG / Farmers at Block level for hiring of agricultural machineries to the needy farmers at nominal hire charge for taking up agricultural practices in time. Action is being taken for the purchase of 50 tractors, 150 rotavators, 150 five tyne cultivators, 50 disc ploughs, 10 bund former and 10 rotary drills with an outlay of Rs. 20.67 crore by Agricultural Engineering Department for the purpose of hiring to farmers under Land Development Programme and Minor Irrigation Programme.

- With a vision to promote the use of solar energy in agricultural sector, Government have sanctioned Rs.49.9 crore during the 2017-2018 to install 1000 solar powered pumping systems (upto 10 HP pumps) to the farmers with 90% subsidy and identification of beneficiaries is in progress.

- Command Area Development and Water Management Programme is being implemented with farmers' participation in eight command areas with an aim to increase water use efficiency through various water management techniques like lining of Field Channels, Rotational Water Supply concept etc., On Farm Development works were carried out to the tune of Rs.14.6 crore benefitting 2,912 Ha.

- Various Soil conservation measures and Gully stablilizing works were constructed at a total cost of Rs.3.85 crore in the

catchment areas of Kundah and Krishnagiri Reservoirs.

- Soil and water conservation measures were taken up at a cost of Rs.1.23 crore in South Pennaiyar and Mettur catchments area in Dharmapuri, Krishnagiri and Erode Districts.

- For ensuring the sustainable agriculture in rainfed areas, 91 water harvesting structures were constructed at a cost of Rs.4.61 crore and 106 water harvesting structures are being formed at a cost of Rs.5.48 crore.

- For augmenting the water resource, the Government is massively creating farm ponds through out the State. The water stored in the farm pond can be used for supplemental irrigation for rain fed crops during critical stages of crop growth. Deepening of 1,082 of Farm Ponds was taken up at a cost of Rs.5.38 crore in Ramanathapuram District.

- Under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana – Per Drop More Crop, 377 Rain Water Harvesting structures were constructed at a cost of Rs.11.16 crore to recharge the ground water table which will meet the irrigation requirement at critical period.

- With the aim to reclaim the areas affected by salinity / alkalinity and to increase the soil fertility and productivity, an area of 440 hectares have been taken up for reclamation measures in Cuddalore District at a cost of Rs.2.06 crore.

- To rehabilitate the irrigation network in the Chittar sub basin area, in Tirunelveli District suitable soil and water conservation practices were carried out in 541 hectares at a cost of Rs.2.62 crore during 2017-2018.

- In order to bring maximum dry land area under cultivation, Mission on Sustainable Dryland Agriculture scheme is being implemented. During 2017-2018, Summer ploughing works were taken up in 2 lakh hectare in 200 clusters with an assistance of Rs.25 crore. To improve the ground water table through water harvesting, 311 Water Harvesting Structures have been constructed at a cost of Rs.10 crore as Entry point activities. With the subsidy assistance of Rs. 16 crore, 200 Nos. of Village based Custom Hiring Centres are being established to hire agricultural machineries to the needy farmers. Further, the State Government is in the process of creation of value addition machinery units for realisation of higher income.

- Under Special Area Development Programme, various Soil and water conservation measures were taken up at a cost of Rs.10.60 crore in Erode, Coimbatore,Tiruppur, The Niligris, Theni, Dindigul, Kanniyakumari, Tirunelveli and Virdhunagar Districts.

- An area of 34,155 hectare have been registered for seed certification and 58,569 M.T of various crop seeds have been certified.

- To ensure the supply of quality seeds to the farmers, 71,002 seeds samples were analysed for quality parameters and results were declared.
- To test and ensure the quality of Seeds produced by Government and Private Seed producers, there are 33 notified Seed Testing Labs functioning in the State. For precise and quick reporting in Seed Testing Labs, Rs.1 crore has been sanctioned for purchase of Seed Testing equipments/ instruments.
- The following buildings were inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 18.03.2017 at Coimbatore:
- National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories approved Laboratory and Lecture Halls at a cost of Rs.4.53 crore.
- Insect Museum at a cost of Rs.2.3 crore.
- Additional Lecture hall at a cost of Rs.1.3 crore.
- Post Graduate Lecture hall and laboratory at a cost of Rs.1.15 crore.
- Laboratory in the Department of Sustainable Organic Agriculture Centre at a cost of Rs.1 crore.
- Multi media Laboratory at a cost of Rs.0.53 crore.
- Foundation stones laid by Hon'ble Chief Minister on 18.03.2017 for the following construction works
- Students Hostel at Coimbatore at a cost estimate of Rs. 13.23 crore.
- Modernized Kitchen-cum-Dining hall at Coimbatore at a cost estimate of Rs. 3.95 crore.
- RHIZOTRON Laboratory at Coimbatore at a cost estimate of Rs. 1.50 crore.
- Tissue culture Production at Coimbatore at a cost estimate of Rs. 0.20 crore.
- Laboratory building for Centre of Excellence in Molecular breeding at Coimbatore at a cost estimate of Rs. 0.5 crore.
- Creation of Advanced Genotyping facilities for the Centre of Excellence in Molecular breeding at Coimbatore at a cost estimate of Rs. 0.7 crore.

Infrastructure facilities

- For infrastructure facilities at 7 Agricultural Colleges and 3 Research stations under TNAU, an amount of Rs.108.04 crore has been allocated.
- For the establishment of the Centre of Excellence in Bio Technology at Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore Rs. 430 crore has been allocated for a period of ten years. Rs. 1.70 crore has been released as Mobilisation Advance out of sanctioned Rs. 10 crore for infrastructure facilities.
- For the three new colleges at Kudumiyanmalai in Pudukottai District,

Eachangkottai in Thanjavur District and Vazhavachanur in Thiruvannamalai Districts, a sum of Rs. 96 crore has been sanctioned towards construction of Academic block building, girls' hostel, boys' hotel, farm office, other utility buildings and providing campus facilities. For the three Agriculture and Research Institutes, a sum of Rs.14.4 crore was sanctioned for providing amenities like furniture and equipments.

- For the construction of girls' hostels and kitchen amenities at Coimbatore and Tiruchirappalli, a sum of Rs. 25 crore has been sanctioned and construction work is under progress.
- For creating additional class rooms, laboratories and examination centres in the three new Agricultural Colleges and lecture and examination halls at Agricultural College and Research Institute at Madurai, a sum of Rs. 49.37 crore was sanctioned.
- For the infrastructure facilities at Citrus Research Station at Vannikonenthal in Sankaran kovil Taluk of Tirunelveli District, Rs. 1.5 crore has been sanctioned.
- For construction of boys and girls study centre at Agricultural Engineering College and Research Institute, Kumulur, Tiruchirappalli Rs. 14.8 crore has been sanctioned.
- For Creation of Students' Amenities centre at Agricultural College and Research Institute,Madurai, Rs. 2.5 crore has been sanctioned.
- Establishment of Mango Research Centre with a sanctioned amount of Rs. 2 crore at Paiyur in Krishnagiri District.
- Diversified Agricultural cafeteria with the State of the Art Technologies for Third generation sanctioned with an amount of Rs. 7 crore at Agricultural College and Research Institute at Killikulam in Thoothukudi District.
- For construction of Farmers Trainees Hostel at Anbil Dharmalingam Agricultural College and Research Institute, Tiruchirapalli a sum of Rs.2.57 crore was sanctioned.

Awards conferred on Tamil Nadu Agricultural University

- Plaque of appreciation by Cereal systems initiatives for South Asia (Co-ordinated by CIMMYT, Mexico) given to Soil and Water Management Research Institute, Thanjavur for its commitment in improving the lives of small and marginal farmers in Cauvery Delta.
- Skoch–Order–of-Merit (Top 100 projects in India) for Block Level Weather Forecast awarded to the Agro Climatic Research Centre, for the Value Chain on Industrial Agro-forestry scheme in Tamil Nadu to Forest College and Research Station, Mettupalayam.
- Mahindra Samridhi India Agri award in 2016 for Millet processing technology popularized in India through its Post

Harvest Technology Centre, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore.

- Best Weed Management Centre Award for 2016-2017 was awarded to the Weed Management Centre, Department of Agronomy, by the Directorate of Weed Research at Jabalpur.
- The Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Cuddalore District was awarded Best cluster of Front Line Demonstrations in Oilseeds for the year 2015-2016 and best KVK award on 18.02.2017 by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi.
- An award for the Best performance of Cluster FLD on Oilseeds has received by the KVK, Vridhachalam, Cuddalore District (18.02.2017)
- SIR. J.C.Bose Memorial Award by Indian Science Monitor for recognizing the contribution in Forest Ecology and Environment (28.02.2017).
- Pandit Deen Dayal Upahdhyay Rashtriya Krishi Vigyan Protshahan Puraskar Award was given to KVK, Vellore of Tamil Nadu as National Best KVK Zonal Award 2016 for Zone VIII on (15.03.2017).
- FAI-IZA award for their outstanding work on Zn nutrition of crops and its promotional activities in agriculture by the Fertilizer Association of India, New Delhi and International Zinc Association, Belgium (07.12.2017).
- Skoch Innovation Order of Merit Award 2017 for Price forecasting and Development of Market Advisories to interface with E- resource division of AMI&BPC was awarded as the TOP 30 projects in India from the Skoch Innovation Order of Merit Award (21.12.2017).

Ranking

- During the year 2016, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University was ranked 40th position and 7th Position in the year 2017 among the all Universities across India besides 20th position under the category Teaching and Learning resources in the year 2016 and 5th Position in the year 2017 by the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF), Ministry of Human Resource Development.
- QS BRICS ranking (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) rated Tamil Nadu Agricultural University in the 130-140th position in 2016 and 105th position in 2017 among the academic institutions in BRICS countries.

ICAR Ranking 2017

- Tamil Nadu Agricultural University was ranked Seventh in position among the State Agricultural Universities, ICAR institutes and deemed Agricultural Universities across the Country by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi for the year 2017.

Career 360 ranking

- Career 360 ranked Tamil Nadu Agricultural

University as the No.1. State Agricultural University in India during 2016.

World bank scheme

- Tamil Nadu Irrigated Agriculture Modernization Project (TNIAMP) has been sanctioned at a total outlay of Rs.8,538.63 lakh to TNAU by World Bank through the Government of Tamil Nadu for the period 2017-2023 with overall objective of promoting climate resilient activities and market led agriculture in 18 river sub basins across the state.

NADP Schemes

- A sum of Rs 300 lakh was sanctioned for establishment of Pulses-based inoculant production units for sustainable pulse productivity of Tamil Nadu.
- A sum of Rs.363 lakh was released for facilitating farmers for stage wise crop nutrition in the Coimbatore, Madurai and Thoothukudi Districts for establishment of Water Soluble Fertilizer Production Units for the first year.
- A sum of Rs. 184 lakh was sanctioned for Remote sensing based information for crop coverage, yield estimation and drought monitoring.
- A sum of Rs.21.39 lakh was sanctioned for Promotion of organic cultivation for quality black pepper production from Kolli Hills.
- A sum of Rs. 53.5 lakh was sanctioned for the Tamil Nadu Agricultural University Under Enhancing pulses production in Delta and Non-delta Districts, implemented by Directorate of Agriculture and Tamil Nadu Agricultural University.
- Tamil Nadu New Innovation Initiatives programmes (TANII):
- A sum of Rs. 2.24 crore was sanctioned towards Promotion, commercialization, post harvest processing and industrial application of Annatto (Bixa orellana l.) as a source of Natural dye.
- A sum of Rs. 1.87 crore was sanctioned towards Revitalization of millets for nutritional security and enhanced productivity for the Department of Millets at Coimbatore.
- A sum of Rs. 1.77 crore was sanctioned for the Home Science College and Research Institute, Madurai for mitigating occupational drudgery of farm women through ergonomic interventions.
- Integrated organic sylvo Pasture Models suitable for alfisol tracts of Tamil Nadu was established at Dryland Agricultural Research Station, in Chettinad at a cost of Rs.1.97 crore.
- Rs.256 lakh was sanctioned towards Development of Nutritionally Enhanced Premium Quality and Stress Resilient Rice Varieties for Tamil Nadu.
- Towards an innovative approach for Production and supply of quality vegetable seedlings of major vegetable crops, a sum of Rs 277.75 lakh was sanctioned.

- A sum of Rs. 132 lakh was sanctioned towards Organic Inputs and Bio-Inputs Characterization for Sustainable Organic Agriculture.

Newly released varieties:

- During the year 2016-2017, the following 12 new varieties namely; (1) Rice Co 52, (2)Barn yard millet MDU 1, (3) Red gram Co 8, (4) Black gram ADT 6, (5) Red gram KKM 1, (6) Sesamum VRI 3, (7) Castor YRCH 2, (8) Cotton K12, (9) Sugarcane CoC (Sc) 25, (10) Snake gourd Co H 1, (11) Bottle gourd PLR 1 and (12) French Beans Ooty 3 were released by Tamil Nadu Agricultural University.

- TNAU Agritech Portal (http://agritech.tnau.ac.in): The site furnishes A to Z of agriculture and allied subjects related technical information amounting to more than 8.5 lakh updated pages in Tamil and English for the benefit farmers and other users.

Quality Seed production programme (All Districts):

- During 2016-2017, a total quantity of 1,674 Qtls of breeder seeds, 1,352 Qtls of foundation seeds, 3,241 Qtls of certified/TFL seeds in 175 varieties of principal crops and 28.93 lakh planting materials of various crops were produced and distributed.

Commercialization of Technologies:

- More than 100 Incubatees were enrolled by the Directorate of Agribusiness Development and 25 technologies have been commercialized.

- Through the National Research Development Corporation (NRDC), Ministry of Science and Technology, GOI, New Delhi, Coconut Tonic, Panjagavya, Pseudomonas and Trichoderma production, Insect repellant and Instant cumbu mix have been commercialized.

- During the year 2016-2017, technology for maize hybrid seed production for COH (M) 8 and sugarcane juice bottling technology were commercialized.

- Under Tamil Nadu Watershed Development Agency, a sum of Rs.136.63 crore was released to the District Watershed Development Agencies and the works were executed under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana - Watershed Development (PMKSY – WD) the erstwhile Integrated Watershed Management Programme – IWMP.

- 1,158 nos. of Farm Ponds were created.

- 3,846 nos. of Check Dams were created.

- 9,283 other works (Percolation Pond, New Village Pond, Renovation of Village Pond, Rejuvenation of Abandoned Well) were created.

- Totally, 5,795 works were executed for helping the landless farmers for their livelihood support system such as Sewing Machines, Tarpaulins, Petty shop and Vermi Composed Fertilizer.

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Free Distribution of Milch Cows / Goats / Sheep Scheme:

- The Free Distribution of Milch Cows Scheme is being implemented in 21 Districts at a financial allocation of Rs.49.832 crore. During the current year, so far, a total of 8,417 beneficiaries have been provided with 8,417 milch cows at the rate of one cow/ beneficiary.
- Further, The Free Distribution of Goats/ Sheep Scheme is being implemented in 31 Districts at a financial allocation of Rs.198.75 crore. During the current year, so far, a total of 97,473 beneficiaries have been provided with 3,89,892 Goats / Sheep at the rate of four Goats/Sheep per beneficiary.

Scheme for Poultry Development

- The Scheme is implemented with a view to improve the rural economy by increasing the percapita income in rural areas. Financial Sanction for a sum of Rs.18.75 crore has been accorded for the Scheme. Under this Scheme, a total of 199 Broiler units in 12 Districts and 2,861 Native Chicken units in 18 Districts are being established. Further, a Rural Backyard Poultry Scheme is also under implementation at a financial sanction of Rs.6.47 crore covering implemented in 31 Districts benefiting 25,880 beneficiaries.

State Fodder Development Scheme:

- A total sum of Rs. 25 crore has been sanctioned and Rs.18.75 crore was received under this Scheme a total of 7,170 acres of farmers own lands have been brought under green fodder cultivation, resulting in a production of 20.038 lakh metric tonnes

of fodder. Further, 1,100 Hydroponic fodder Units are also being established at a cost of Rs.2 crore. As a measure of drought proofing and insulating the livestock, a sum of Rs.3.50 crore has been sanctioned under NADP Scheme, to augment fodder production in the District Livestock Farm, Hosur. The beneficiaries of the Free Distribution of Milch Cows numbering 10,000 are also being provided with Azolla Units at a total cost of Rs.1.60 crore.

Infrastructure Improvement Programme:

- In order to improve the infrastructure in the Department, a total of 150 Veterinary Institutions are being newly constructed under the Rural Infrastructure Development Fund XXIII of NABARD at a financial allocation of Rs.49.09 crore. Urther, under NABARD RIDF XXII, a total of 127 veterinary Institutions are under construction at a financial allocation of Rs.34.63 crore. Besides these, financial sanction of Rs.1.6 crore has also been accorded for the construction of an integrated office Complex for the Joint Director and Assistant Director's offices at Kancheepuram.

Schemes for Livestock Health

- Under the Foot and Mouth Disease Control Programme, a total of 93.86 lakh cattle and Buffaloes were vaccinated during the 12th round of Foot and Mouth Disease vaccination during March 2017. A total of 93.89 lakh cattle and buffaloes were vaccinated during September 2017, being the 13th round of the same programme. Further, under ASCAD Scheme, a total of 28.46 lakh livestock have been vaccinated against Anthrax disease, 4.23 lakh cattle against Black quarter disease, 30,700 cattle against Haemorrhagic Septicemia and 32,200 Sheep have been vaccinated against Sheep Pox disease.

Conservation of Indigenous Breeds of Livestock

- Tharparkar breed of cattle is used for genetic improvement of non-descript cattle. Tharparkar breed cattle is reared in the District Livestock Farm, Chettinadu. A total of 50 Tharparkar cows with high genetic merit have been procured and maintained in the farm and the animal houses have been improved in the farm at a total cost of Rs.50 lakh.

Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University

- TANUVAS has obtained two schemes namely "Establishment of Kangayam Cattle Research Station at Erode District" and "Establishment of Genetic Resource Centre for conservation of the indigenous cattle breed of Tamil Nadu – Pulikulam" with a total outlay of Rs.450 lakh under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) - National Agricultural Development Programme (NADP) from the Government of India for conservation of the native cattle breeds of Tamil Nadu in their home tract.
- The Government of India under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) - National Agricultural Development Programme (NADP) has sanctioned an additional

budget of Rs.50 lakh for continuing the "Animal Mobile Medical Ambulances (AMMA)" for Rural Veterinary Care, implemented in the five Districts of Tamil Nadu and so far a total of 8,058 animals have been provided veterinary service in these Districts (Kancheepuram, Madurai, Thanjavur, Tiruchirappalli and Namakkal)

- The Hon'ble Chief Minister under Rule 110 made an announcement on the floor of the assembly for "Construction of Academic Blocks at College of Food and Dairy Technology, Koduvalli" to the tune of Rs.1,400 lakh for the benefit of students.
- "Establishment of Carcass Utilization Plant" at TANUVAS, Chennai with an outlay of Rs.200 lakh has been sanctioned by the Government of India under National Livestock Mission (NLM) for effective disposal of animal carcasses and averting environmental pollution.
- Three schemes with a total budget of Rs.730.80 lakh, namely "Development and standardization of a novel DIVA (marker) vaccine against Newcastle disease to augment production from poultry", "One health approach for animal and public health to augment food safety and productivity" and "Bioelectricity and biohydrogen production by using slaughter house waste rumen fluid" has been sanctioned to TANUVAS by the Government of Tamil Nadu under Tamil Nadu Innovation Initiatives (TANII).
- TANUVAS has secured 38th rank at National level among universities as per the rankings released by National Institute of Ranking Framework (NIRF), Ministry of Human Resource and Development, Govt. of India.
- TANUVAS has received the ICAR award for securing the most number of Junior Research Fellowships (JRF) during 2017.
- A new crossbred pig, "TANUVAS KPM Gold" which is highly disease resistant and adaptable to local agro-climatic conditions, developed by TANUVAS was released by the Hon'ble Minister for Animal Husbandry.
- Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University celebrated its "Foundation Day – 2017 and Livestock and Poultry Farmers Day" at Dindigul on 10.11.2017 to transfer the innovative technologies to the farmers and more than 5,000 farmers were benefited. Two new varieties of poultry, Nandanam Broiler-3 and TANUVAS Native Chicken (Aseel) were released during the function.

DAIRY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Milk Procurement Achievement:

- Milk procurement during February 2017 has been increased by 22% from 25.40 LLPD to 31.04 LLPD during November 2017. The highest procurement was achieved by Aavin on 21.09.2017, with an all time high of 33.01 LLPD.

Milk Sales Achievement:

- Milk sales has increased by 4.76% from

21.02 LLPD in February 2017 to 22.02 LLPD in November 2017.

- The highest sale of 12.30 lakh Litres in Chennai Metro was achieved on 29.09.2017. Similarly highest sales of 10.32 lakh Litres was achieved on 03.09.2017 in the District unions. As per the announcement made by the Hon'ble Minister for Milk and Dairy Development Department for 2017-2018, the sale of 225 ml milk sachets at Rs.10/- was launched on 08.09.2017.

Sales of Milk Products:

- The sales revenue of By-products was Rs.20.43 crore in February 2017. Aavin has created history by achieving Rs.24.44 crore in November 2017, with 20% increase. Aavin has introduced revenue earning products like 500 ml Curd sachet, 1000ml bucket Curd, Rasagulla and 4 varieties of ice creams.

- The income of Federation and Milk Unions has been increased due to the sale of egg-less plum Cake during Christmas and New Year.

- Milk sales outlets have been opened in 431 co-operative institutions up to December 2017. Further 84 parlours have been opened in Colleges.

Sale of milk products in other States:

- As a result of increase in the milk procurement and production of milk products in the State, Aavin has ventured in to sale of milk products in other States, like Rajasthan, Delhi, Telengana, Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal and Pondicherry, by appointing of Whole Sales Dealers. Products have been sent for sale through WSDs in Kolkatta, Delhi and Telengana.

Export of Milk Products:

- In order to launch Aavin milk products in

foreign countries, for the first time in the history of Aavin, the sale of tetra pack milk with helicap was launched in Singapore on 25.11.2017.

- Tetra pack milk with helicap was exported to Singapore in November 2017. So far, 2 containers of tetra pack milk have been exported to Singapore.

Strengthening of Infrastructure facilities:

- Infrastructure facilities have been strengthened in Kancheepuram-Thiruvallur, Trichy, Dharmapuri, Virudhunagar, Tirunelveli and Coimbatore milk unions at a total financial outlay of Rs.982 lakh. As a result, handling capacity and marketing activities of the unions have expanded.

New Dairy:

- A new dairy with a processing capacity of one lakh litres per day was established in Padalur in Perambalur District, at a cost of Rs.36.28 crore. The plant inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 07.03.2017, is benefitting the milk producers of Perambalur and Ariyalur Districts.

New Ice-cream and UHT Flavored milk Plant:

- Foundation stone was laid for a new ice-cream plant at a total financial outlay of Rs.55 crore and a new UHT flavored milk plant for Rs.45 crore, in Madurai Dairy premises on 28.04.2017. This will facilitate availability of ice-cream and UHT flavored milk in southern District Milk Unions.

New Hi-Tech Parlours:

- Milk and milk products are being sold to consumers by establishing 7 Hi-tech palours in the District unions and 6 in Chennai Metro at a total financial outlay of Rs. 778 lakh.
- With an objective to improve Sale of products, 3 new refrigerated vehicles at a total cost of Rs.88 lakh have been provided for Ambattur. This will facilitate distribution of milk and milk products.

Cattle Feed Production:

- A hi-tech automated cattle feed plant with a production capacity of 150 MTPD has been commissioned in Erode, at a total cost of Rs.20.36 crore, and inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 18.03.2017.
- The production of cattle feed has increased by 67% from 1,891 MT/month during 2016-2017 to 3,157 MT/month during 2017-2018 (up to December 2017). As a result, cattle feed is supplied to the milk producers, at reasonable rates.

Cattle Feed Sales:

- The average cattle feed sales has increased by 33.73% from 5,064 MT/Month during 2016-2017 to 6772 MT/Month in 2017-2018 (upto Dec.2017).

Staff Welfare Measures:

- The charges for uniform and stitching have been increased by Rs.500/- to employees of the MPCS , District Unions and Federation.
- First time in the history of Aavin, free milk card of ½ liter per day is being supplied

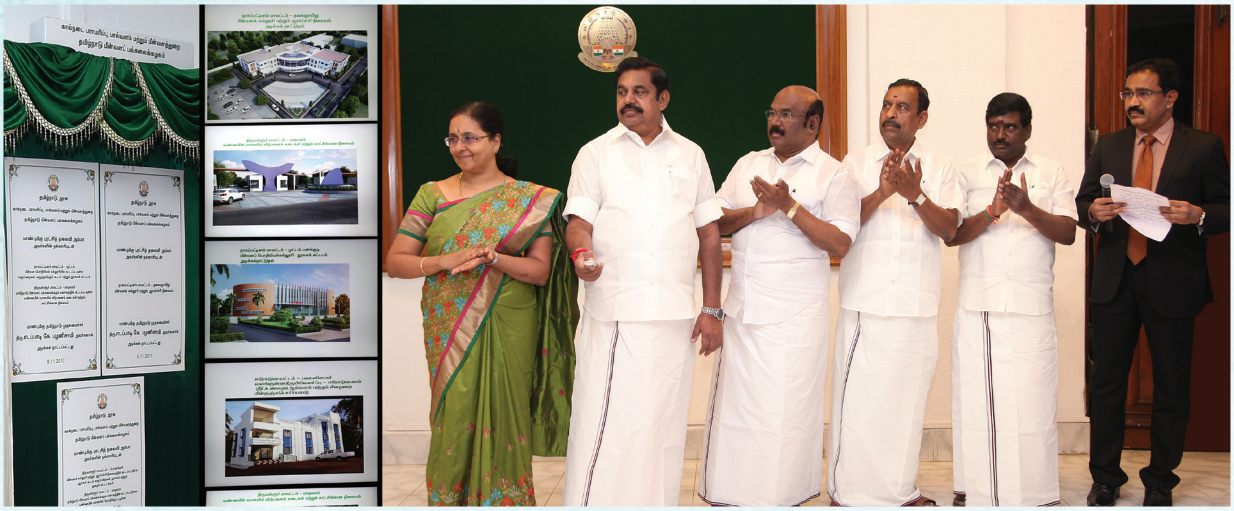
to 4,272 retired employees of Aavin from September 2017.

- A free "Door Delivery" of Aavin products service initiated in the interest of consumers is another feather in the cap of Aavin consumer welfare measures.
- In the first phase the 'Door Delivery' service was successfully launched at the South Asian Games Village premises on 04.05.2017.

FISHERIES DEPARTMENT

Fishermen Welfare

- The Government has enhanced the fishing ban period relief assistance from Rs.2,000/- to Rs.5,000/- to each marine fisherman families and disbursed a sum of Rs.79.75 crore to 1,59,506 fishermen families of 13 coastal Districts.
- For the year 2017-2018 special allowance to marine fishermen families, a sum of Rs.69.45 crore was disbursed to 1,38,898 fishermen families of 11 coastal Districts viz., Tiruvallur to Ramnad and Kanniyakumari Districts.
- Under the scheme of savings cum relief scheme for marine fishermen and fisherwomen, a sum of Rs.86.90 crore was disbursed to 2,89,689 to fishermen / fisherwomen beneficiaries of 10 coastal Districts .
- Under Centrally Sponsored Fishermen accident Insurance scheme is a equally shared by both State and Central Governments a total sum of Rs.2.655 crore has been received from the Insurance company and disbursed to 145 fishermen families.
- With the unrelenting and assiduous efforts of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, 263 fishermen from Sri Lanka Jails and 15 fishermen from Iran Jails have been released and repatriated to Tamil Nadu.
- A sum of Rs.19.13 crore was disbursed to the fishermen who lost their fishing boats and implements and Rs.10 lakh to the 10 missing /dead fishermen families due to Vardah cyclone in Thiruvallur, Chennai and Kancheepuram Districts.
- As an iterim relief assistance of Rs. 14.13 crore was distributed to 28, 276 fishermen family at the rate of Rs. 5,000/- per family who have lost their livelihood due to oil spill spread by the accident of collision of two merchant ship at Kamarajar Port area.
- Due to inclement weather and engine failure 18 fishing boats of Ramanathapuram District were drowned in Sri Lankan waters. A total sum of Rs.90 lakh was disbursed to 18 fishermen families at Rs.5 lakh each, from the Chief Minister's Public Relief Fund on 19.04.2017.
- Out of 36 boats released by Sri Lankan Government, 26 boats have been repatriated to Tamil Nadu.
- A sum of Rs.89 lakh was disbursed to the families of 61 fishermen who were missing /dead in various sea accidents from Chief Minister's Public Relief Fund.



- The Government has issued orders enhancing the quantity of Supply of Sales Tax exempted high speed diesel oil from 15,000 litres to 18,000 litres per year per boat for mechanized boats and from 3,600 litres to 4,000 litres per year per boat for motorized traditional crafts from the year 2017-2018.
- The Government has also issued orders enhancing the quantity of subsidized Industrial kerosene supplied to the Traditional crafts from 3,000 litres to 3,400 litres per year / per motorized traditional crafts.

Training to Fisher youth

- The Government has sanctioned Rs.1.04 crore to provide special training to Fisher youth to enable them for joining in Indian Navy and Coast Guard. The training is in progress.
- The Government has ordered to provide 6 months special Coaching to 20 Fisher youth every year to enable them to excel in competitive exams for joining in the Indian Civil Services. The training is being given by Anna Institute of Management (All India Civil Service Coaching Centre.) The training has been commenced on 18.12.2017 .

Ockhi cyclone - Relief activities

- The severe cyclonic storm "Ockhi" hit the Kanniyakumari coast on 30.11.2017. The fishing boats of Kanniyakumari District ventured into deep sea for fishing have safely reached and berthed in the fishing harbours of neighboring coastal states. The Government has sanctioned a sum of Rs.2.20 crore towards providing diesel for bringing back the 217 fishing boats and to meet out the ration expenses 1,754 fishermen affected during "Ockhi" Cyclonic storm.
- An amount of Rs.15.378 crore being Special livelihood assistance of Rs.5,000/- each was disbursed to 30,756 fishermen families of Kanniyakumari District affected by Ockhi cyclone.
- Special Livelihood assistance of Rs.5,000/- each was disbursed to 253 families of

fishermen in Kanniyakumari District went missing due to 'Ockhi' cyclone.

- The Government has issued orders for constitution of a committee under the Chairmanship of Commissioner of Revenue Administration to conduct a detailed enquiry and based on the report of the committee relief assistance will be extended to the families of the missing fishermen.
- Relief assistance of Rs.20 lakh each was ordered and disbursed to the families of the deceased fishermen .So far, a total sum of Rs.2 crore was given to 10 families of the deceased fishermen due to Ockhi cyclone.
- The Hon'ble Chief Minister has announced that Rs.5 lakh each shall be provided to fishermen who are permanently disabled due to impact of the cyclone to pursue their alternative livelihood. Further, Rs.50,000/- shall be provided to each fishermen who sustained injuries and admitted in the hospital for treatment. Relief assistance of Rs. 50,000/- each has been given to the 20 injured fishermen

Inland Fisheries

- Government Fish Seed Farms have produced 4,396 lakh early fry and 506.907 lakh fingerlings during the year 2017-2018.

Under National Agriculture Development Plan

- In order to develop the fish farms, scheme on 'Improvement of Infrastructure Facilities in Krishnagiri and Mettur Fish Farms were sanctioned at a cost of Rs.368.50 lakh and works are in progress.
- Ten floating of Marine cages for Cobia and Lobster Culture in Thoothukudi District has been installed at a cost of Rs.53.63 lakh,where in fish seeds and lobster seeds have been stocked and culture is in progress.

Blue Revolution Scheme

- The Government has released Rs.9.925 crore towards implementation of Central Sector Scheme on Blue Revolution: Integrated Development and Management of Fisheries. Creation / Renovation of Fresh water / Brackish water fish farms /
- The scheme extending 50% subsidy assistance for procurement of FRP boats as a replacement of wooden boats to 100 beneficiaries at a total cost of Rs.2.125 crore is in progress.
- Under Blue Revolution Brackishwater aquaculture under the component of renovation of Shrimps farms, an amount of Rs.47.69 lakh was released to 18 beneficiaries for an area of 29.05 ha.

Infrastructure facilities

- Improvement of 6 Fish seed farms and 7 fish landing centres with the assistance of NABARD under RIDF XXII at a cost of Rs. 33.42 crore are in progress.
- The Hon'ble Chief Minister laid foundation stone on 06.03.2017 for works towards establishing fishing harbour at Mookaiyur in Ramanathapuram District at a cost of

Rs. 113.90 crore and the works are in progress.

Fisheries Management for Sustainable Livelihood– II (FIMSUL-II)

- 528 OBM (Out Board Motor) of less than 8 HP with subsidy assistance were supplied to the fishermen at a total cost of Rs.119 lakh.
- Under the scheme, providing seamless communication system, 17,539 nos of VHF sets consisting 15,004 nos. of 5 watt hand held VHF sets to motorized fishing crafts at 100% subsidy and 2,535 nos. of 25 watt VHF boat sets to the mechanized fishing crafts at 75% subsidy were purchased. Action is being taken to obtain operating licence.

TAMIL NADU FISHERIES UNIVERSITY, Nagapattinam

- New Fisheries College and Research Institute has been started at Thalainayeru with the budget of Rs.68.1678 crore and the classes commenced on 12.10.2017 presently at TNFU main campus premises.
- Institute of Post Graduate Studies (IPGS) was established at OMR, Vaniyanchavadi, Chennai with the budget of Rs.1.06 crore. In this Institute two new M.F.Sc courses viz 'Fish Genetics and Breeding' and 'Fish Pharmacology and Toxicology' and one Self-Supporting UG program in B.Tech (Fisheries Biotechnology) are offered from the current academic year
- Two new Doctoral courses viz., Fisheries Engineering & Technology at Thoothukudi campus and Fish Biotechnology at OMR campus were introduced.
- "Aquatic Rainbow Technology Park (ARTP)", at Madhavaram Milk Colony has been established with TANII funding of Rs.10.30 crore and the same was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of on 08.11.2017
- 'Kayalgam' have been established and started selling the value added fishery products.
- The total number of seats for B.F.Sc. course of Tamil Nadu Fisheries University has been increased from 110 to 120.
- Fishermen of Tamil Nadu under a special category for fishermen (5% seats over and above the sanctioned intake strength) was allotted for undergraduate courses.
- A new project (DBT) on Development of Bio-floc Technology for sustainable shrimp Farming has been implemented from 22.09.2017 onwards at FC&RI, Ponneri.
- As per the order of the Government a separate Corpus Fund has been created from 13 numbers of private fishing entrepreneurs/ industrialists to present 13 students' awards to honor the best UG/PG and PhD students for their academic excellence during the convocation of every year.

- Tamil Nadu Fisheries University has been accredited with FIRST RANK among the Fisheries Universities in India by ICAR, New Delhi (2016-2017).
- Six Industry-Institute Projects were completed successfully, at various college campuses and much needed collaboration with the fisheries and aquaculture sector is ensured.
- A "Mobile Aquaculture Quality Testing lab" was introduced at Fisheries College and Research Institute, Ponneri for the benefit of Aqua Farmers to provide the disease diagnosis and other services on aquaculture farm site.
- Established a New "Molecular PCR lab" at TNFU campus, Nagapattinam for the benefit of fish/ shrimp farming community for disease diagnosis of cultured aquatic animal under the financial assistance of National Agricultural Development Programme.
- Tamil Nadu Fisheries University has signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with various International and National Universities/Institutes viz. The University of Arizona, USA, National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management, Hyderabad, Central Institute Fisheries Education (CIFE), Mumbai and Central Institute of Brackish Water Aquaculture (CIBA), Chennai, for collaborative research as well as for the faculty and student exchange programmes.
- Three batches of skill training programs were organized in three trades of fisheries viz., Basic pre and post processing techniques for fish processing workers, Basic techniques in ornamental fish culture & breeding and Basic shrimp culture techniques to shrimp farm assistants.
- Academic cum Administrative Block constructed in Fisheries College Research Institute, Thoothukudi at a cost Rs. 5 crore under NABARD funding support was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 22.11.2017.
- New Boys Hostel (PG block) and Girls Hostel (UG block) were inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 22.11.2017 at Thoothukudi campus.
- Three patents have been registered by Fisheries College & Research Institute, Ponneri on Biofloc nursery technologies for vannamei and GIFT Tilapia.

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BACKWARD CLASSES, MOST BACKWARD CLASSES AND MINORITIES WELFARE DEPARTMENT

- Orders have been issued for extending carry forward procedure in direct recruitment in respect of Backward Class Muslims also.
- The Government stand on Triple Talaq Prohibition Legislation is to omit the provision of punishment with three years imprisonment and fine.
- Orders have been issued for opening of 5 new College Hostels in Urban Areas at a cost of Rs.1.67 crore.
- Own building for 65 Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes, Denotified Communities and Minorities Hostels Constructed at a total cost of Rs.73.75 crore have been inaugurated by Hon'ble Chief Minister Tamil Nadu.
- Consolidate pay of the part time Sanitary workers working in hostels has been enhanced from Rs.2,000 to Rs.3,000/- per month.
- 28 New part time Sanitary Workers posts have been created in 28 hostels at consolidate pay of Rs.3,000/- per month.
- Under Economic Development Schemes such as supply of Iron Boxes, Sewing Machines and House site pattas are distributed to Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities beneficiaries subject to the condition that annual income limit should not exceed Rs.40,000/- in Rural Areas and Rs.60,000/- in Urban Areas. In order to increase the number of beneficiaries, both

Rural and Urban beneficiaries' annual income ceiling limit has been enhanced to Rs.72,000/-.

- Annual parental income limit for availing benefits under Rural girls incentive scheme has been enhanced from Rs.25,000/- to Rs.72,000/-.
- Orders have been issued providing Rs.13.07 crore to improve infrastructural facilities in 92 Kallar Reclamation Schools with NABARD Assistance and works are under progress.
- During the year 2017-2018, so far loans totaling Rs.47.15 crore have been disbursed to 10,559 Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes, Denotified Communities beneficiaries through Tamil Nadu Backward Classes Economic Development Corporation and loans totaling Rs.18.56 crore have been disbursed to 3,654 minority beneficiaries through Tamil Nadu Minorities Economic Development Corporation.
- Annual Administration grant of Tamil Nadu Waqf Board has been enhanced from Rs.1 crore to Rs.2 crore.
- Orders have been issued providing Rs.3 crore to create a Corpus Fund for taking up Repair and Renovation works in Waqf institutions such as Mosques and Darghas.
- Social justice established by continuing 69% reservation without exclusion of creamy layer.
- The monthly food charges of the school hostel boarders from Rs. 755/- to Rs. 900/- and college hostel boarders from Rs. 875/- to Rs. 1,000 have been enhanced.
- Monthly pension under "Ulema Pension Scheme" enchanced to Rs. 1,500/-. 2,600 members benefitted.
- Financial Assistance of Rs. 1 crore to 500 Christians for undertaking Pilgrimage to Jerusalem.

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As the Tamil Nadu Government is implementing remarkably well various welfare schemes for the benefit of people living in the State irrespective of their language, Tamil Nadu has the distinction of being a State where people speaking various languages live in fraternal amity

- Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu

Thiru. Edappadi K. Palaniswami

COMMERCIAL TAXES & REGISTRATION DEPARTMENT

- The initiatives taken by the Commercial Taxes Department with respect to implementation of Goods and Services Tax in the State has resulted in smooth migration of existing tax payers under Value Added Tax system to Goods and Services Tax system. GST return filing by the dealers of Tamil Nadu stands at third place among the States in India.
- The Commercial Taxes Department has collected a revenue of Rs.46,666.40 crore (which include GST compensation and IGST settlement) achieving an excess of Rs.4,372.71 crore over and above the collection of Rs.42,293.69 crore made in the corresponding period of the previous year. This represents a growth rate of 10.34% over the previous year. Tamil Nadu stands at second place among the State in India for GST Revenue Collection.
- On the basis of the consistent efforts made by the Government of Tamil Nadu during the meetings of the GST Council, the GST Council has recommended reduction in rate of tax on the goods and services on a large number of items relating to our State specific, i.e., roasted grams, wet grinders, fire-works, dry fish, fish net, fish hooks, electrical goods used for domestic purpose, frames for spectacles, tractors parts, weighing machines, compressors, furniture, fly ash, fly ash bricks, hotels and restaurants with or without air-conditioning, palm jaggery, tamarind (dried), work relating to textiles, garments, yarn, Government works contract, job work relating to leather, common effluent treatment plants, leasing of motor vehicles.
- The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has inaugurated 4 newly

constructed Commercial Taxes Office buildings at Chidambaram, Vellore, Sivagangai and Devakottai. 12 new vehicles have been purchased in lieu of condemned vehicles, at a cost of Rs.72,95,568/- and handed over to the Department by the Hon'ble Chief Minister.

- The Government has issued orders for construction of building for the office of the Assistant Commissioner (CT), Avinashi, Tiruppur District at a cost of Rs.79.20 lakh, construction of Commercial Tax office building at Tirukovilur, Villupuram District at a cost of Rs.89.76 lakh and also for carrying out special repair works to the office of the Assistant Commissioner (CT), Vaniyambadi, Vellore District at a cost of Rs.29.94 lakh.

REGISTRATION DEPARTMENT

- **e-Stamping:** Orders have been issued to extend the e-stamping facility, the alternative method for payment of Stamp Duty, in all the Corporation areas throughout the State in the Registration Department.

- **Web based software:** With a view to make end to end Computerisation of the Registration Department, the development of Web based software has been completed and it is under trial in all the Sub-Registrars. This will be implemented shortly throughout the State.

- **Building:** The Hon'ble Chief Minister has opened newly built 3 integrated office complexes and 38 individual Sub-Registrar Offices.

- **Guideline Value:** In order to implement the assurance given in the election manifesto 2016, to reform the Guideline Value in the Registration Department to reflect opinion of the overall Public, the Market Value Guideline has been reduced to 33% through out the State.

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> The yardstick of a Nation's development is the growth of every individual. The victory of democracy lies in ensuring that the basic needs of an individual like finance, food, education, housing, health, profession and security are fulfilled as a matter of course. In this sense, Tamil Nadu has achieved immeasurable growth.
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> - Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu
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> **Thiru. Edappadi K. Palaniswami**

CO-OPERATION

- To increase the agricultural production, crop loan was issued to 9,62,061 farmers to the tune of Rs.5,575.27 crore through Primary Agricultural Co-operative Credit Societies.
- 50 ATMs were installed and functioning in District Central Co-operative Banks.
- 2,75,981 Rupay Kisan Credit Cards were issued to the farmer members of Primary Agricultural Co-operative Credit Societies and 1,77,442 debit card to the customers of Central Co-operative Banks.
- The Government announced the One Time Settlement Scheme to collect the long overdue Non-farm sector loans issued by Primary Co-operative Agricultural and Rural Development Banks. Under the scheme, loan amount of Rs.63.80 crore was remitted by 2,950 members and received the benefit of interest waiver to the tune of Rs.61.81 crore.
- The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu awarded Salem District Central Co-operative Bank as the Best Central Co-operative Bank for the year 2016-2017 for its best performance in empowering the Differently Abled Persons during the Independence Day celebrations of 2017.
- Drying yards have been constructed in 5 Agricultural Producers Co-operative Marketing Societies namely, Tenkasi,

Avinashi, Udumalpet, Kallakurichi and Tiruchengode (Konganapuram Branch) to dry, segregate and sell agricultural produce of farmers at a remunerative price, at a total cost of Rs.77.90 lakh.

- Electronic weigh bridge at a cost of Rs.22 lakh has been installed at Krishnagiri Agricultural Producers Co-operative Marketing Society to ensure accurate weighment of agricultural produce of farmers and traders.

- To enhance the service of the members, new office buildings have been constructed in 9 Agricultural Producers Co-operative Marketing Societies namely Polur, Mettupalayam, Thirumangalam, Peraiyur, Vadipatti, Theni (Head Office and Periyakulam Branch), Kaveripattinam, Tiruchengode and Krishnagiri at a cost of Rs.259.61 lakh. Further, in Tiruchengode Agricultural Producers Co-operative Marketing Society Office building has been renovated at a cost of Rs.10.65 lakh.

- In Konganapuram branch of Tiruchengode Agricultural Producers Co-operative Marketing Society, Commercial Complex at a cost of Rs.13.90 lakh and Farmers Rest House at a cost of Rs.3.85 lakh have been renovated. Further, road facilities have been enhanced in the above branch at a cost of Rs.25 lakh.

- Two vehicles have been purchased in Tiruchengode and Krishnagiri Agricultural Producers Co-operative Marketing Societies for the distribution of Controlled and Non- Controlled Commodities at a cost of Rs.24.62 lakh.

- Solar panels have been installed in Head Office and Self-Service Building of Tiruchengode Agricultural Producers Co-operative Marketing Society at a cost of Rs.20 lakh for reducing the electricity charges and to generate electricity in a natural way.

- Installation of processing unit in Agricultural producers Co-operative Marketing Societies, distribution of fertilizers and seeds through APCMS

- In order to add value by processing the agricultural produces in Agricultural Producers Co-operative Marketing Societies and also to earn profit to the farmers, Chilly processing unit, Turmeric processing unit, Packing machine and Seed processing machine have been installed in 5 Agricultural Producers Co-operative Marketing Societies viz., Paramakudi, Uthangarai, Thirumangalam, Lalgudi, Sivagnanam and Tiruchengodu Agricultural Producers Co-operative Marketing Societies and Seed processing unit has been installed at Vengur PACCS at a cost of Rs.94 lakh.

- Modernized Dhal processing unit is installed at Chidambaram Agricultural Producers Co-operative Marketing Society at a cost of Rs.39.10 lakh under NADP scheme.

- At State level, 3,61,455 MT of chemical fertilizers worth Rs.463.57 crore have

been sold to farmers through co-operative societies.

- At State level, seeds have been sold to the tune of Rs.507.48 lakh.

Farm Fresh Consumer Outlets

- As on 16.02.2017, 71+2 Farm Fresh Consumer Outlets were run by Co-operatives and Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation (including 2 mobile shops). Currently, 73+3 Farm Fresh Consumer Outlets are functioning (including 3 mobile shops). through which 32 different vegetables are being sold to consumers at affordable prices.
- 8,873 metric tonnes of vegetables worth Rs.29.10 crore were sold to consumers.

Amma Marundhagam

- As on 16.02.2017, 106 Amma Marundhagams were run by the Co-operatives. Further, four more Amma Marundhagams were inaugurated by Hon'ble Chief Minister on 04.03.2017, and one Amma Marundhagams on 28.04.2017. Currently, 111 Amma Marundhagam are functioning in Tamil Nadu.
- Through these medical shops, medicines to the value of Rs.65.29 crore were sold to the consumers with a discount upto 15%.

Sale of controlled/Non-controlled commodities

- Consumer Co-operative play a vital role in curtailing the rise in price of essential comodities.
- During the year 2015-2016, the Co-operative Wholesale Stores have sold Controlled and Non-controlled commodities to the value of Rs. 1,631.42 crore and during the year 2016-2017 to the value of Rs.1,495.38 crore.
- Co-operative Wholesale Stores have sold controlled and Non-controlled commodities to the tune of Rs.1,260.63 crore.
- During the year 2014-2015, all the Co-operatives put together sold controlled and Non-Controlled commodities to the

tune of Rs. 3,409.44 crore and for the year 2015-2016 to the tune of Rs.3,404.38 crore.

- All the Cooperatives put together sold controlled and Non-Controlled commodities to the tune of Rs.2,460.61 crore.

Fair Price Shops

- 32,791 Fair price shops are run by Cooperative Societies. Moreover 258 Kerosene bunks are functioning under the control of co-operatives. Essential commodities are distributed to 1,78,30,237 family cardholders through the fair price shops run by co-operatives.

Opening of new fair price shops

- For the convenience of family cardholders 25 new full time and 61 part time fair price shops have been opened.

Distribution of Essential Commodities

- 32,50,532 MT of priceless Rice is being distributed to eligible family cardholders. 3,14,827 MT of Sugar, 1,31,937 MT of wheat and 1,87,641 K.L. of kerosene have been distributed to eligible family cardholders, through the fair price shops functioning under the co-operatives.

Distribution of Special PDS commodities

- The special PDS commodities, 1,22,006 K.L. of Palmolein and Toor Dhal have been distributed to 1,19,292 MT of eligible family cardholders, through the fair price shops functioning under the co-operatives.

The role of co-operatives in the sale of Ooty Tea

- In order to support and uplift the social economic conditions of the small Tea Growers in Nilgiris District, the Government, through the Hon'ble Chief Minister has launched the sale of "Ooty tea" at an affordable price to the general public through the Public Distribution System on 28.08.2001. Ooty tea is now being sold through all the District Consumer Co-operative Wholesale Stores, Co-operative Marketing Societies and the 32,791 fair price shops. 2,314 MT of Ooty tea were being sold at a cost of Rs.4,39,660.

Sale of Iodised Salt

- To avoid iodine deficiency disorders like goiter occuring in Tamil Nadu, all fair price shops are now distributing iodised salt purchased from the Tamil Nadu Salt Corporation. 25,520 MT of iodised salt was sold.

Construction of new fair price shop buildings

- New buildings for 48 Full time and 30 part time, fair price shops have been constructed.

Government Subsidy

- As the Public Distribution System is functioning on a non-profit motive, the Government compensates the loss incurring in the fair price shops through sanction of subsidy. For the loss incurred during the year 2016-2017 in the fair price shops, Rs.120 crore has been sanctioned as

advance subsidy by the Government. The remaining subsidy amount for the period from 2010-2011 to 2013-2014 is being sanctioned by the Government in four equal instalments. The third instalment of Rs.102.9325 crore has been sanctioned by the Government.

End to End Computerization

- To monitor the distribution of essential commodities to all eligible family cardholders at the right time in full quantity, the sanctions and functioning of all fair price shops have been computerised. The uploading of essential commodities from the godowns to the fair price shops and other intricate details regarding movement of essential commodities are monitored through the point of sale (POS) devices. The details of all family cardholders, their mobile nos and aadhaar nos are registered in the POS devices. Adequate training has been given to all the field officers working under the Public Distribution System.

Sale of Empty Gunnies deposited in the fair price shops through E-auction to MSTC Limited

- The empty gunnies deposited in the fair price shops are now being sold through e-auction to the Central Public Sector Enterprise MSTC. The sale of empty gunnies from September 2017 is 2,11,41,399.

FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES

Scheme of Smart Family Card

- The scheme of End to End Computerizetion of Public Distribution System is being implemented at an estimated cost of Rs. 330 crore. As part of this scheme, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has introduced the scheme of issue of Smart family Cards based on the Aadhaar details in lieu of existing family cards on 01.04.2017 and Smart Family Cards are being issued.
- At present, 1.94 crore family cards are in circulation. Out of which, so far 1.88 crore Smart Family Cards have been issued. Action is being taken to issue Smart Family Cards to the left out cases by getting the required information of beneficiaries.
- The scheme of Smart Family Cards helps in the elimination of bogus family cards and also to avert malpractices. Arrangements have also been made for submission of request for changes in Smart Family Cards by the cardholders through online and also to process the requests by the Departmental officers through online.

Incentive to Farmers

- The Government has announced the Minimum Support price for the period of Kharif Marketing season 2017-2018 at the price of Rs.1,660/- per quintal for fine variety Paddy and Rs.1,600/- per quintal to common variety of Paddy, which is Rs.70/- and Rs.50/- over and above the price fixed by the Government of India.

Price Monitoring Committee

- The prices of certain essential commodities have registered upward trend in the open market. With a view to monitor closely the movement of prices and to make necessary steps to curtail price, the Government constituted the Price Monitoring Committee in the State which often

meets to take necessary steps to control the prices of Essential Commodities. The Committee shall meet often as necessary to monitor price trends and suggest corrective measures to curtail prices particularly rice, pulses, oil seeds and to ensure adequate availability in the market.

Pongal Gift Hamper, 2018

- To celebrate the ensuing Pongal festival of 2018 in a happy manner, the Government distributed the Pongal Gift hamper comprising 1 Kilogram of Raw Rice, 1 Kilogram of Sugar, a 2 feet long piece of sugarcane and a pack of 20 grams of cashew, 20 grams of Kismis and 5 grams of cardamom through the fair price shops to all rice option cardholders which includes families of Sri Lankan Tamils living in camps and Police Cardholders (total 1.84 crore cards).

RAMZAN NONBU RICE – 2017

- Raw Rice 5122.916 MTs was issued at a cost of Re.1/- per kg through the Muslim Institutions for the benefit of Muslims who observe "Ramjan Nonbu" to prepare "Nonbu Kanji", during the month of June, 2017.

SPECIAL PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

- Though the Government of India discontinued the subsidy for the issue of Pulses and Edible oil under Public Distribution System, in order to control the open market price and for the benefit of the poor people of Tamil Nadu, the Government of Tamil Nadu had issued orders to extend the scheme of Special Public Distribution System for a period of six months from March 2017 to August 2017 with supply of one dal i.e. Toor Dhal / Canadian Yellow Lentil / Masoor Dal to meet 100% requirement of the existing family cardholders and for the supply of Palmolein Oil to the card holders.
- The Government has issued orders for further extension of the scheme of Special Public Distribution System for a period of six months from September-2017 to February-2018 with supply of one dhal i.e. Toor Dhal / Canadian Yellow Lentil / Masoor Dal to meet 100% requirement of the existing family cardholders and for the supply of Palmolein Oil to the card holders.
- Accordingly, average quantity of 18,000 MT of Toor dhal / Canadian Yellow Lentil/ Masoor Dhal and 1,53,00,000 one litre pouches are being purchased and 1 Kg of Toor dhal / Canadian Yellow Lentil / Masoor Dhal at a cost of Rs.30/- and 1 litre of RBD Palmolein oil pouch (910 Grams) at a cost of Rs.25/- are being issued to family card holders. For the implementation of the scheme, a sum of Rs.118 crore per month and Rs.1,416 crore per annum is being incurred towards additional expenditure to the Government. Although, the additional expenditure incurred the Government of Tamil Nadu is implementing the Special PDS scheme successfully.

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Tamil Nadu's power position

Capacity addition

- Capacity to the tune of 707 MW has been added to the Tamil Nadu's grid through State & Central projects and solar power.
- Commercial operation of Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant Unit-2 with a capacity of 1,000 MW and Kudgi STPP Unit 1 declared on 31.03.2017 and 31.07.2017 respectively. Kudgi STPP Unit 2 & Unit 3 were synchronized on 23.03.2017 and 22.08.2017 respectively.
- The State which was power deficit during the year 2011 has become power surplus, which has been recorded in the Load Generation Balance Report (LGBR) of Central Electricity Authority for the year 2016-2017 and it has also been mentioned that the State will continue to be power surplus in the year 2017-2018.
- In the State Distribution Utilities Annual Integrated Rating published by Ministry of Power TANGEDCO has been rated as 'B' for financial year 2015-2016 against "C+" in previous year.

Renewable Energy

Wind Energy

- New wind mills with a capacity of 222 MW has been added totalling to 7,900 MW. An all time high generation of 5,096 MW and 102.579 MU have been realized.

Solar energy

- 237 MW of Solar energy has been added to the Tamil Nadu's grid totalling to 1,818 MW. Considerable quantum of around 800 MW solar generation is being realized during day time. An all time high generation of 1,621 MW and 10.5 MU have been realized.

Generation

Kadaladi Ultra Mega Solar photovoltaic park Power Project (500 MW)

- This project is to be established in Narippaiyur and nearby villages in around 900 Hectares of land on EPC contract basis under State Sector. Government has issued necessary administrative approval. The work of demarcation of the site under CRZ has been awarded to Institute of Remote Sensing, Anna University.
- Tender opened for consultancy services for the preparation of DPR, Pre-award and Post-contract services till commissioning of the plant. The project is expected to be commissioned in 2019.

Transmission

- 42 substations with a capacity of 6,206 MVA have been commissioned and 1,966.314 circuit kms of EHT lines have been energised to evacuate the additional power generation and to provide quality and reliable supply.

Distribution

- 12,231 Distribution transformers, 2,842kms of HT lines and 8,842 kms of LT lines have been energized to provide quality and reliable supply. Further, TANGEDCO had also effected service connections to 7.41 lakh new consumers under all categories.

Implementation of New Schemes in TANGEDCO

- One day service connection scheme in respect of new LT Domestic and Commercial service connections (come

under mere service category) was implemented from 01.07.2017 and so far 1,94,194 numbers of service connections were effected under this scheme.

- A fast track (tatkal) scheme for effecting free agriculture service connections within six months against a onetime payment for infrastructure development only has been introduced with effect from 24.06.2017 to benefit the farmers. Around 9,946 agriculture service connections have been effected under this scheme.
- A scheme for effecting LT industrial service connections within 7 days up to a demand of 112 kilo watt for both new and additional load in respect of minor extension categories including enhancement of existing Distribution Transformers has been launched with effect from 15.07.2017 and around 6,850 service connections have been effected under this scheme.
- The Policy of 24x7 power to Industries / Developers with a demand of 10 MVA or with an investment of Rs.100 crores or more has also been launched with effect from 05.09.2017.Under this scheme the industries or developers who have signed Memorandum of Understanding with TANGEDCO will get a dedicated feeder free, to extend quality power. If land is provided by developer, TANGEDCO will also establish a sub-station of appropriate voltage level.
- Multiple channels of collection of CC Charges viz., Net Banking, Debit/ Credit Cards through Payment Gateway, Mobile Banking, Mobile APP, Post office Collection, Bank Counter Collection, ATM Collection, Government e-seva centres, etc., has already been in place.
- Presently, 24% of the Consumers are paying around Rs. 500 crore per month by making use of the above facilities. It has been targeted to achieve 50% under digital payment mode by March 2018.
- POS Machines have been introduced for making payment of CC Charges through Debit/Credit Cards at Collection Centres on 30.10.2017. This facility would be extended to all the 325 collection centres in Chennai by end of December 2017 and throughout the State in a phased manner by end of March 2018.

UJALA scheme:

- TANGEDCO had permitted M/s. Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) to sell 9 watt LED bulbs, 20 watt LED tube lights and 50 watt energy efficient 5-star rated fans at affordable price to the willing domestic consumers through independent kiosks (to be set up at collection centres of TANGEDCO) in Tamil Nadu.

- On 22.03.2017, M/s. EESL had commenced the sale in Chennai Region (Phase I) through Distribution Agents (DAs).
- The above sale is in progress in the collection centres of about 20 EDCs including TANGEDCO headquarters. So far 7.75 lakh LED bulbs, 2.02 lakh tube lights and 38,952 BEE 5 star fans have been sold.

Finance

- To take over TANGEDCO's loan of Rs.22,815 crore by Government of Tamil Nadu. Further, Orders have also been issued sanctioning Government Guarantee for Rs.7,605 crore to TANGEDCO to issue of bonds under UDAY Scheme. TANGEDCO will save Rs.200 crore per annum. In addition to UDAY, GoTN has sanctioned Rs.4,523.19 crore of Equity Share Capital by converting Government loans and E-Tax payable and its interest.
- With the support of UDAY grants of Rs.4,563 crore, the TANGEDCO would achieve break-even as early as possible.
- Government of Tamil Nadu has sanctioned the financial assistance to the tune of Rs.16,998 crore.
- From the above budget provision, the Government of Tamil Nadu has so far released Rs.6,649.09 crore to TANGEDCO as Tarrif Subsidy.
- Further, Government of Tamil Nadu has given a Government guarantee of Rs.11,668 crore to avail loans from Financial Institutions / Banks for the current financial year 2017-2018 to TANGEDCO.
- In addition to the above, the Government of Tamil Nadu have released a sum of Rs.20 crore as Ways & Means Advance towards meeting immediate financial requirement due to Ockhi Cyclone.

Chief Minister's Solar Powered Green House Scheme (CMSPGHS)

- Government of Tamil Nadu had launched India's largest Solar Rooftop programme targeting 3,00,000 Green Houses with Solar powered lights to be installed over a period of 5 years from 2011-2012 to 2015-2016 @ 60,000 houses per year. Under this scheme Rooftop solar panel totaling 20-30 MW will be installed in 5 years at an estimated cost of Rs. 900 crore. Besides, energisation of 10,000 houses constructed for weavers is also being taken up at a cost of Rs. 30 crore.
- Solar Home Lighting Systems have been installed in 38,904 Green Houses, 4,612 weavers houses totaling 43,516. So far 2,71,935 nos. of Solar Home Lighting systems have been installed, under this scheme.

Energising street lights with solar power:

- 1 lakh street lights to be energized through solar power over a period of 5 years from 2011-2012 to 2015-2016 in rural areas
- This is the first of its kind in the country. The existing tube lights in a cluster of 10-15 Street lights are replaced with 20W LED luminaries and energized through a centralized solar photovoltaic power plants with grid back up. Sanctions for 2013-2014, 2014-2015 & 2015-2016 were not received.
- 45 Street Lights have been energized through solar power for the past one year, totaling 39,235 nos.

Chief Minister's Solar Rooftop Capital Incentive Scheme:

- Under this scheme State Government provides Capital Incentive of Rs. 20,000 per KWp, in addition to 30% MNRE subsidy, for the installation of 1 KWp each grid tied solar rooftops by 10,000 domestic consumers.
- The domestic consumers can also avail the power credits upto 30 per cent of Central grant for the excess power fed into the grid after consumption as per net metering provision.
- Applications are received online on www.teda.in and sanctioned on first come first served basis.
- TEDA has empanelled 36 installers for installation and commissioning under this scheme. State subsidy had been released for 420 nos. for a sum of Rs. 84 lakh. Tamil Nadu is the pioneer in introducing net meters for solar rooftops.

Solar Roof top Power Plants in Government buildings

Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board

- A cumulative capacity of 178 kWp of Grid Tied Solar Power Plants had been installed through Tamil Nadu Energy Development Agency at 18 office buildings of TNPCB in various Districts.

Rural Development & Panchayat Raj Department

- It was proposed to install 7 Kw/10 Kw capacity Solar roof top systems in 359 Government Buildings in Tamil Nadu. Under this scheme, 18 systems with a cumulative capacity of 126 Kw have been installed and brought to utilization in the past one year.

Regional Transport Offices

- 9 nos of Solar Roof top power plants have been established in Regional Transport Offices to a cumulative capacity of 69 Kw.

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TAMIL NADU FOREST DEPARTMENT

A. Plan Schemes

- For implementation of Massive Tree Planting Programme 69 lakh seedlings in 31 Districts throughout Tamil Nadu during 2017-2018 with an outlay of Rs.65.85 crore, funded under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme.
- Enhancement of Green Cover in Chennai City and adjoining Districts to restore tree cover lost due to Vardha Cyclone at a cost of Rs. 1,342 lakh.
- Under the scheme of Tamil Nadu Bio-diversity Conservation and Greening Project (TBGP), Rs. 88.11 lakh seedlings at a cost of Rs.21.36 crore have been planted in individual farmer's lands.
- Supply of 4 lakh seedlings to the public in rural and urban areas at a subsidized rate at a cost of Rs. 36 lakh.
- Enrichment of Non Timber Forest Product Resources in Forest Areas of Tamil Nadu

at a cost of Rs.314.71 lakh for a period of seven years from 2017-2018 to 2023-2024 has been launched.

- Scheme of raising teak plantations in padugai lands of Tamil Nadu to enhance the timber resources, over an area of 6,000 ha. has been sanctioned at a total cost of Rs.5,263.13 lakh for a period of 8 years and works are in progress.
- Implementation "National Afforestation Programme" at a cost of Rs.410.44 lakh being carried out.
- Rejuvenation of Vaigai&Noyal Rivers at a cost of Rs.2,457.80 lakh for a period of three years through assistance of NABARD is being done.
- Women Empowerment through conservation of medicinal plants is continued during 2017-2018 in Salem, Namakkal and Dharmapuri Districts at a cost of Rs.21.13 lakh.

B. Administration

- Enhancement of compensation to the legal heir of Forest staff killed while performing duty with devotion and bravery in unforseen circumstances from Rs.4 lakh to Rs.10 lakh.
- Government orders have been issued for appointing of Plot Watcher/ Village Social Forestry Workers in Statewide Seniority list who are not meeting the height requirement for Forest Watcher as Forest Rest House Watcher/ Cook/Malies by creating 206 posts of watchers.
- Government orders have been issued for absorption of 29 cavadies recognizing traditional knowledge and Elephant management skills of Tribal Community.
- Orders were issued, enhancing consolidated monthly wages to anti-poaching Watchers from Rs.6,750/- to Rs.10,000/- per month.

C. Wildlife Management

- Creation of Fodder plantations at an amount of Rs.274.43 lakh in forest areas to improve wildlife habitats and to avoid human animal conflict.
- Establishment of Rapid Response Teams at Coimbatore and Gudalur at a cost of Rs.178 lakh.
- Formation of 60 forest ponds at a total cost of Rs.300 lakh in the Reserved Forests and Tiger Reserves to conserve water resources and to provide water facilities for the animals, thereby preventing them from coming out of forests

Constitution of District Level Wetland Management Committee

- Framing of Tamil Nadu Biological Diversity Rules, 2017 notified under Section 22 of Biological Diversity Act, 2007 (Central Act 18 of 2003).

Appointment of Honorary Wildlife Wardens

- Permission issued for Culling of Wild boars which are destroying crops in Agricultural fields - Permission on pilot basis for one year in 11 forest divisions.

Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board

Environment and Forests Department

- TNPCB has granted consent to establish to 616 new industries for commencing their establishment activity.
- The rice mills which was kept in Orange category as per the Central Pollution Control Board classification were examined based on the pollution index and accordingly the single boiled rice mills are not re-classified and brought under Green Category.
- In order to know the quality of effluent discharge and stack emission let-out by the 17 category highly polluting industries, TNPCB has connected online monitoring data to the Board website since August 2017 onwards.
- TNPCB has established two new District Environmental Engineers office at Kumarapalayam and Gummidipoondi bifurcating the existing District Offices at Namakkal and Tiruvallur for effective monitoring of industries and for the benefits of entrepreneurs and public.

- TNPCB has established two new Zonal offices headed by Joint Chief Environmental Engineer (monitoring) at Salem and Tirunelveli bifurcating the existing zonal offices at Coimbatore and Madurai for effective monitoring of industries and for the benefits of entrepreneurs and public.

- TNPCB has established video conference facility between Head Office and all zonal offices at a cost of Rs.70 lakh for conducting review meetings.

- TNPCB has established a new District Environmental Laboratory at Perundurai at a cost of Rs. 215 lakh for effective monitoring of industries in SIPCOT Industrial Complex, Perundurai.

- TNPCB has upgraded three District Environmental Laboratories at Vellore, Trichy and Tirunelveli as Advanced Environmental Laboratories by providing sophisticated instruments for analysis of water and air samples at a cost of Rs. 150 lakh.

- TNPCB has constructed and inaugurated six new District Environmental Engineer's office buildings at Coimbatore (North), Coimbatore (South), Vaniyambadi, Perundurai, Erode, and Oragadam and one Joint Chief Environmental Engineer's (Monitoring) Office at Vellore at a total cost of Rs. 14.41 crore. Another two DEE's office buildings at Tiruvallur, Nagapattinum are under construction at a cost of Rs. 4 crore.

- Green Awards for year 2014, 2015 and 2016 (each year three awards) to nine District Collectors and Green Awards for the year 2015 (four awards) and 2016 (three awards) to seven industries who excel in environmental protection were presented by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 11.10.2017.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT

- Environment Information Dissemination Centres have been formed in 12 educational Districts, at a cost of Rs.2 lakh per Centre.

- Eco-Competitions and Eco-tours to NGC clubs students at a cost of Rs.1 lakh per District for 32 Districts have been conducted.

- E-learning- programme, all the 57 EIDCs (Environmental Information Dissemination Centre) of schools have been linked to the Department of Environment Server at a cost of Rs.14.44 lakh to facilitate the students to interact with the experts.

- To create better Environmental awareness Liquid Crystal Display (LCD) Projectors have been installed 69 Environment Information Dissemination Centres at a cost of Rs.27.60 lakh.

Eco Restoration of water bodies

- Eco – Restoration of Paruthipattu Lake, Avadi in Thiruvallur district at a cost of

Rs.28.16 crore is under progress through Public Works Department.

- Further, Government have issued orders to carryout Eco–Restoration of Periyakulam Eri in Vadamugam Vellodu Village in Perundurai Taluk of Erode district at a cost of Rs.4.90 crore and Eco–Restoration of Muthampalayam Eri in Erode Corporation area of Erode district at a cost of Rs.2.75 crore.
- To encourage the students to be more involved in environmental related activities and to keep the school premises green and clean, Government have sanctioned financial assistance Rs. 144 lakh for planting 48,000 trees and maintenance, in all 32 District, of the state by engaging selected 30 NGC and Eco Clubs per District.

Conducting Eco Competition and Tour

- To encourage the students to be more involved in environmental related activities, it is proposed to conduct eco-competitions among the NGC Eco clubs students in three disciplines viz., quiz, elocution and drawing. In order to conduct the programme a sum of Rs.64 has been sanctioned at the rate of Rs.2 per District for 32 Districts.

TAMILNADU FOREST PLANTATION CORPORATION LIMITED

- TAFCORN has supplied pulpwood to the tune of 110975 M.Tonnes to M/s. Tamil Nadu Newsprint & Papers Limited and M/s. Seshasayee Paper & Boards Limited and revenue realized for Rs.4,217 lakh.
- 3090 ha. of Eucalyptus pulpwood plantations have been regenerated by planting high yielding clones and provenance seeds and 270 ha. of cashew plantation have been planted with high yielding cashew grafts for the past one year.
- By way of public auction through tender cum sale in all regions, cashew thope units are leased out and revenue of Rs.399.16 lakh was realised during last one year.

ARASU CORPORATION LIMITED

- The workers of the Corporation are being paid highest wages in the sector, wherein a tapper is paid a average wage of Rs.437.68 per day.
- Arasu Rubber Corporation Limited has got latest ISO 9001:2015 quality Certification.
- New Plantations have been created to the extent of 79.753 ha. through high yielding clones of rubber.
- 26 numbers of old rubber coupes / Bits having 48,524 trees were sold fetching a sequence a Rs.15.69 crore to the Corporation. Replantation is in progress.

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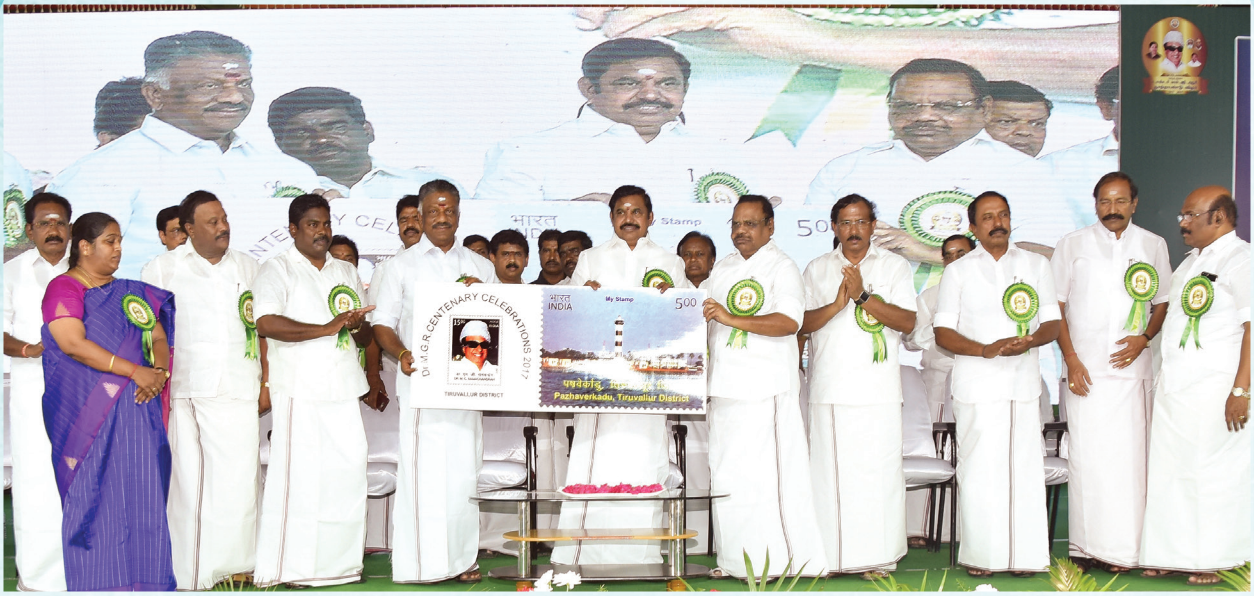
Chief Minister Public Relief Fund

- Rs.13,50,000/- sanctioned towards Higher Education of 10 Students of poor family.
- Rs.7,65,15,000/- sanctioned to the families of 454 persons who died and were injured due to drowning in well, pond, Lake, Sea and also death caused due to Bomb blast, Electrocution and Snake bite etc.,
- Rs.1,53,50,000/- sanctioned to the families of 196 persons who died and were injured due to Road / Fire Accidents.
- Rs.9,72,65,000/- sanctioned to the families of 293 deceased police personnel / TANGEDCO / Transport Employees who were injured and died while on duty.
- Rs.81,00,000/- sanctioned to the families of 23 persons who died, were missing and injured during the fishing.
- Rs.84,00,000/- sanctioned to the families of 14 persons (other than fisherman) who died, were missing and injured during the Ockhi storm.
- Rs.2,67,00,000/- sanctioned to the families of 89 Farmers who died by committing suicide for various reasons.
- Rs.17,40,000/- sanctioned to the families of 89 farmers who died by the ill health.
- Rs.1,22,80,000/- sanctioned to the families of 70 persons who died by Building collapse and Other Various reasons.



New Health Insurance Scheme, 2016

- Orders have been issued for the implementation of New Health Insurance Scheme, 2016 for Government Employees with further improvement in the scope of New Health Insurance Scheme, 2012 for the next four year block period from 01.07.2016 to 30.06.2020 through M/s United India Insurance Company Limited.

- The assistance to the family of Government employees under the New Health Insurance Scheme, 2016 for a period of 4 years is Rs.4 lakh and an enhanced assistance of Rs.7.50 lakh has been allowed for certain specific treatments like Cancer, organ transplantation, vascular diseases, burn injuries etc., under this scheme.

- The scope of coverage has been widened to include Differently abled children of the Government employees with minimum of disability of 40% and wholly dependent on the employee, without any age restriction. Further, the coverage has been extended to include assistance in respect of approved treatment/surgery undergone in non-network hospital consequent on accidents.

- Under this Schemes, 113 treatments and surgical procedures are covered on CASHLESS basis through 807 net work hospitals.

- During the period from 01.07.2016 to 09.12.2017, a total of 68,819 beneficiaries have availed the assistance for Medical treatments under the Scheme and during the same period the Insurance Company implementing this scheme has issued authorisation to the tune of Rs.267.66 crore.

Pay Cell

- The Government of Tamil Nadu has constituted an Official Committee,

2017 to examine and make necessary recommendations for revision of Scales of Pay, Allowances, Pension, Family Pension and Retirement benefits of State Government employees and Teachers including the employees of the Local Bodies based on the decision of Seventh Central Pay Commission.

- Based on the recommendations of Official Committee, the Tamil Nadu Revised Pay Rules, 2017 has been notified revising the Pay, Pension, Family Pension and Retirement benefits notionally with effect from 01.01.2016 with monetary benefit from 01.10.2017.

- The Financial implications due to revision of pay, pension and other allowances and other retirement benefits is estimated at Rs.14,719 crore per annum recurring. Out of this amount, Rs.8,015.99 crore has been estimated towards pay and allowances and Rs.6,702.91 crore being the arrears of pensionary benefits for the employees retired between 01.01.2016 and 30.09.2017

Pension

- The Government had initiated to issue of identity card to all the Pensioners / Family Pensioners covered under Tamil Nadu Pension Rules, 1978.

- The Pensioner portal has been created for providing information regarding the pension/family pension credited to the bank Account of the Pensioners / Family Pensioners, Annual Pension details, mustering status, details of the pensioners, standard forms for the use of pensioners.

Allowance

- The Conveyance Allowance of Rs.2,500/- per month being provided to the visually challenged and persons with locomotor disabilities has also been extended to the Hearing Impaired Government employees

and employees of local bodies and aided educational institutions.

TREASURIES AND ACCOUNTS DEPARTMENT

PENSIONERS NEW HEALTH INSURANCE SCHEME-2014

- New Health Insurance Scheme for Pensioners 2014 has been implemented from 01.07.2014 through United India Insurance Company Ltd. to provide health care assistance to the Pensioners (including spouse)/Family Pensioners on a CASHLESS basis, with provision to avail medical assistance up to rupees two lakh for a block period of four years (2014-2018). A monthly subscription of Rs.150/-is being recovered from the monthly Pension of the Pensioners/Family Pensioners.
- Under the scheme 114 treatments are covered to avail medical assistance.
- Now 805 Hospitals have been empanelled under the Scheme 2014 located in Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Bengaluru, Thiruvananthapuram and New Delhi.
- From the date of commencement of the scheme (i.e from 01.07.2014 to 09.11.2017) so far 1,70,412 number of beneficiaries have availed CASHLESS medical assistance for a sum of Rs.490.85 crore.

Administration

- The 81 posts of Junior Assistant, 24 posts of Typist and 2 posts of Steno-Typist have been filled through TNPSC allotment for the year 2015-2016.

Integrated Financial and Human Resource Management System (IF&HRMS)

- Action has been taken to implement Integrated Financial and Human Resource Management System (IFHRMS) for the effective and efficient functioning of Government by integrating management of both Financial and Human Resources. To provide total solution for IFHRMS, a Consulting Agency namely M/s. Accenture Services Pvt. Ltd., Chennai was appointed with the responsibility of offering consulting services and to identify the System Integrator.
- M/s Wipro Ltd., has been selected as the System Integrator for this project.
- On implementation of the IFHRMS project, more than 23,000 DDOs throughout the state will be able to submit the bills to the Treasury online. This IFHRMS will take care of the e-receipts by which the Government can be benefitted with the real time collection and accounting of revenue. The public will also enjoy the benefit of hassle free and instantaneous services.
- This system will pave the way for smooth maintenance of Service Register of the nine

lakh employees by which the employee's pay bill, promotion, transfer, leave management etc., are updated on real time basis. This Scheme will be implemented in all Districts.

- The Government have accorded approval for Rs.288.91 crore as project cost towards the implementation of the IFHRMS.

Construction of own Buildings

- A newly constructed Integrated Office Complex at a cost of Rs.36.33 crore for 10 offices functioning under the administrative control of the Finance Department at various locations namely, Directorate of Treasuries and Accounts, Regional Joint Director (Chennai Region), Pay and Accounts Office (South), District Treasury, Chennai, Pension Pay Office, Assistant Superintendent of Stamps, Directorate of Pension, Directorate of Local Fund Audit, Chief Internal Audit & Chief Auditor of Statutory Boards, Directorate of Co-operative Audit and O/o Joint Director of Co-operative Audit (Chennai Region) has been inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 04.03.2017 and all the offices are functioning in the new building.

- Construction of own building for the 16 Sub Treasuries has been completed at a total cost of Rs.9,88,70,000/- and Inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister:

- The Government sanctioned Rs.8,85,72,000/- for the construction of own building for the 11 Sub Treasuries at the cost of Rs.80.52 lakh each and the construction works has been commenced.

LOCAL FUND AUDIT DEPARTMENT

- The Local Fund Audit Department and the Internal Audit and Statutory Boards Audit Department procured 20 personal computers along with printers at a cost of Rs.12.87 lakh from ELCOT and were put to use

- Based on the Estimation of vacancy for the year 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 - 09 Junior Assistants and 17 Typists, allocated by Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission and joined duty.

- The Audit of Institutions (i.e), Corporations, Municipalities, Panchayat Unions, District Panchayats, Town Panchayats, Village Panchayats, Universities and other Miscellaneous Institutions for the audit year 2015-2016 were completed on 31.07.2017.

- During the period, audit recovery of Rs.5,897.94 lakh were made during Joint Sittings related to settlement of 1,37,311 Audit objections.

- Audit fees amounting to Rs.1,149 lakh was remitted into the Government account

by the Local Body institutions such as Municipalities and Town Panchayats and Universities during the period.

- Local Fund Audit Department has disbursed pensions and other benefits to 26,727 Local Body Pensioners amounting to Rs. 41,293.33 lakh during the period.
- Local Fund Audit Department has disbursed Rs. 103.91 lakh towards Health Fund to 447 Local Body pensioners and Rs.190.90 lakh towards Family Benefit Fund to 183 Local Body pensioners during the period.

INTERNAL AUDIT AND STATUTORY BOARDS AUDIT DEPEARMENT

- Announcement made by the Hon'ble Finance Minister in the floor of Assembly during the Demand for Finance Department (2017-2018), an sum of Rs.6,00,000/- has been sanctioned for designing an exclusive Website for the development of this Department.
- The Government has sanctioned a sum of Rs.6,58,580/- towards purchase of 20 KVA UPS to the office of the Chief Internal Auditor and Chief Auditor of Statutory Boards functioning in the newly constructed Integrated Finance Building Complex for Finance department.

CO-OPERATIVE AUDIT DEPARTMENT

- Under FR.127, 20 co-operative audit officer posts were upgraded into Assistant Director of Co-operative Audit posts.
- Purchase of 8 new vehicles at the cost of Rs.49,63,858/- and creation of 2 new driver posts had been sanctioned.
- Permission has been granted to create two new Assistant Director of Co-operative Audit offices in Krishnagiri and Tiruppur Districts and 2 typists, 2 record clerks, 2 office assistants totally 6 new posts also sanctioned by Government to this department.
- Action has been taken to impart training in System Audit to 300 Auditors to improve their quality of audit and skills.
- 305 Junior Co-operative Auditors were recruited through Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission. Out of which 62 Junior Co-operative Auditors were appointed by availing exemption from undergoing practical training and class room training and 209 Junior Co-operative Auditors are undergoing training at present.

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HANDLOOMS, HANDICRAFTS, TEXTILES AND KHADI DEPARTMENT

Directorate of Handlooms and Textiles

- The Cost Free Distribution of Sarees and Dhoties Scheme has been continued by the Government of Tamil Nadu during the year 2017-2018 with the twin objectives of providing continuous employment to 13,200 Handloom Weavers and 51,000 Powerloom Weavers in the State and to supply Cost Free Sarees and Dhoties to the poor living in rural and urban areas. 154.52 lakh Sarees and 154.64 lakh Dhoties are being distributed on the eve of Pongal 2018 at a cost of Rs.484.25 crore.
- The Scheme of Free Supply of Uniform to the students studying in 1st Std to 8th Std who are beneficiaries under Puratchi Thalaivar M.G.R Nutritious Meal Programme is being implemented from the academic year 1985-1986. 4 Sets of Uniforms with new colours have been supplied from the academic year 2012-2013. Uniform cloths at a cost of Rs.282.50 crore were supplied for the academic year 2017-2018.

- The Government has been providing Free Electricity upto 100 units (bi-monthly) for Handloom Weavers and upto 500 units (bi-monthly) for Powerloom weavers from 01.08.2006. Consequent to the announcement made by the Hon'ble Chief Minister in the election manifesto for the Legislative Assembly 2016, supply of free power has been enhanced to 200 units bi-monthly to handloom weavers and 750 units bi-monthly to powerloom weavers. This is being implemented with effect from 23.05.2016. As many as 1,20,968 handloom weavers and 1,06,432 powerloom weavers are benefited under this scheme.
- In order to improve the sale of handloom cloth, the Government has enhanced the Market Development Assistance for handlooms under rebate subsidy from Rs.80 crore to Rs.100 crore from the year 2017-2018.
- In order to implement web based Common Accounting Software in all the 1,048 Primary Handloom Weavers Cooperative Societies in the State, Desktop computers and accessories were installed in all these Societies. Further, a Web-based Common Accounting Software has also been developed by a Software Development Company and the third party security audit of the software has been completed through Tamilnadu e-Governance Agency, Chennai, The software has been hosted on the CLOUD environment at Tamilnadu State Data Centre (TNSDC), ELCOT, Chennai and being implemented in all Primary Handloom Weavers Cooperative Societies.
- The New Health Insurance Scheme 2016 has been extended to the employees and

their families of the Weavers' Co-operative Societies under the control of the Director of Handlooms and Textiles. As many as 1,356 employees' families are availing benefits.

- In Tamil Nadu, there are 819 permanent workers in 5 functional Co-operative Spinning Mills, viz., Anna, Bharathi, Kanniyakumari, Pudukottai and Krishnagiri. The Government have issued orders for the wage increase of Rs.1,500/- per month for every permanent worker and 5 years wage settlement has been entered for wage increase for the permanent workers of the functional Co-operative Spinning Mills from 01.01.2016 by increasing the wage by Rs.1,500/- per month. Accordingly, a sum of Rs.1.40 crore has been disbursed as arrear amount consequent to wage increase for the 819 permanent workers of 5 functional Co-operative Spinning Mills.
- In order to update the designs according to the changing trends in the textile market, the Government has sanctioned a sum of Rs.2.25 crore under the Tamil Nadu Innovation Initiative Scheme for Supply of 2,000 Motorized Jacquard Lifting Machines during year 2017-2018..
- In order to reduce the expenditure and improve the financial position of the Co-operative Spinning Mills, the Government has sanctioned and released a sum of Rs.0.87 crore towards installation of "Solar Power Panels for lighting load" for Bharathi Co-operative Spinning Mills, Ettayapuram under State Innovation Fund.
- The Government has sanctioned and released a sum of Rs.0.38 crore towards installation of two "XRF Analyzers" at Kancheepuram and Kumbakonam for creation of awareness among customers to test the genuineness and quality of zari under State Innovation Fund.
- As announced by the Hon'ble Minister for Handlooms and Textiles on the floor of the Assembly on 29.06.2017, the Government has issued orders by relaxing the Rules of Handloom Weavers Savings and Security Scheme, such that Partial-Withdrawal by a subscriber from the scheme fund has been relaxed to 5 years from the date of admission into the scheme, in lieu of the existing 10 years. This would benefit 65,619 weavers enrolled in the scheme.
- Memorandum of Understanding has been entered into with M/s. Amazon for increasing the sale of handloom products through e-Marketing.

Co-optex

- Co-optex achieved E-shopping sales of Rs.170 lakh upto 30.11.2017
- Following showrooms of Co-optex have been modernized to match the standards of Private sector at a total cost of Rs.1.71 crore:- Namakkal, Tenkasi, Tuticorin, Mysore, Pune, Thiruvannamalai, Vellore, Coimbatore.

- To attract the customers, Co-optex has introduced new varieties such as Ahimsa Silk Sarees, Natural dyed cotton sarees, and Linen cotton sarees and registered retail sales of Rs.140.15 crore during Deepavali 2017.

Directorate of Sericulture

- Farmers are cultivating high yielding mulberry varieties in 3500 acres. A sum of Rs.252.25 lakh has so far been provided to 1,516 farmers for the cultivation of high yielding mulberry varieties in 2402.35 acres.
- A sum of Rs.250 lakh has been provided as assistance to the farmers for the installation of drip irrigation system in 1,000 acres of mulberry gardens.
- A sum of Rs.648.50 lakh has been provided as assistance to 800 farmers for the construction of separate silkworm rearing sheds in 3 levels. Out of which, a sum of Rs.245.17 lakh has so far been provided to the farmers for the construction of 294 silkworm rearing sheds.
- A sum of Rs.525 lakh has been provided for the procurement and distribution of improved silkworm rearing appliances and farm equipments to 1,000 sericulture farmers.
- A sum of Rs.30 lakh has been provided as assistance towards transportation charges for 30 lakh bivoltine hybrid layings.
- Out of a total sum of Rs.20 lakh provided as incentive at Rs.100/- per kg, for 20,000 kgs of bivoltine silk to the silk reelers, a sum of Rs.6.73 lakh has so far been released to the silk-reelers as incentive for the production of 6,730 kgs of bivoltine silk.
- A sum of Rs.20.85 lakh has been provided as cash awards to the farmers who have harvested more than 80 kg of cocoon for 100 layings by following the latest sericulture technologies. 3 best farmers at State level will be given Cash awards @ Rs.1,00,000, Rs.75,000/- and Rs.50,000/-. At District level also, 3 best farmers will be given Cash awards @ Rs.25,000/-, Rs.20,000/- and Rs.15,000.

Tamil Nadu Khadi And Village Industries Board

- The increased maintenance allowance of Rs.5,000/- provided to each potter's families during rainy season for the year 2017-2018, was disbursed to 12,236 beneficiaries to the value of Rs.6,11,80,000/-.
- As a part of the Announcements, 5 new work sheds have been constructed at a cost of Rs.100 lakh & 5 of the existing work sheds of Potter's Societies have been repaired at a cost of Rs.100 lakh.
- As a part of the announcement in respect of potter's, that the 8,175 Shaila Wheels will be provided in four years, the first phase provision of 500 Shaila Wheels has commenced.

- The Government has sanctioned a sum of Rs.254 lakh for disbursement of Chark has for 587 Spinners and Pedal Looms for 50 Weavers who are living 600 metres above from the sea level at Tiruppur and Erode Districts and to provide training under Special Area Development Programme for the year 2017-2018.
- The Government have sanctioned a sum of Rs.66 lakh and Rs.50 lakh for the construction of Worksheds for Thenpothai Pottery Co-operative Society and Ilanji Pottery Co-operative Society totally Rs.116 lakh in Tirunelveli district under Special Area Development Programme for the year 2017-2018.
- The Government has sanctioned a sum of Rs.41.15 lakh for renovation of Khadi Kraft in Ooty under Special Area Development Programme for the year 2017-2018.
- The Government have sanctioned a sum of Rs.80 lakh for renovation of Khadi Kraft in Madurai Melamasi Street under Innovative Scheme for the year 2017-2018.

Tamil Nadu Handicrafts Development Corporation Ltd.,

- Tamil Nadu Handicraft Development Corporation, has shown annual sales turnover nearly Rs.40.60 crore during 2016-2017. The target for the current financial year is fixed at Rs. 45 crore.
- The Poompuhar Production centre under the direct administrative control of the Corporation has produced Rs.5.2 crore worth of handicraft products during 2016-17 and likely to achieve Rs.6.65 crore worth of handicraft products during the current financal year.
- The Corporation had organized 119 exhibitions all over the country during the year 2017-2018 with a view to provide marketing assistants to the craftpersons and thereby enhanced the standard of living of the artisans.
- Poompuhar has established an Urban Haat at Kanyakumari at an outlay of Rs.2.40 crore which includes financial assistance of Rs.140 lakh from Government of India, Rs.60 lakh from State Government and Rs.40 lakh from other Government agencies. This urban haat has 36 shops, food court, dormitory, amphitheatre, childrens' park and parking facility. This Urban Haat was inaugurated by Hon'ble Chief Minister on 08.03.2017.
- An Urban Haat at Mamallapuram is under construction at a cost of Rs.5 crore in 4.45 acres of land. Similarly, action is being taken to establish an Urban Haat at Udhagamandalam at a cost of Rs.5 crore as announced in the budget speech.
- Government has sanctioned Rs.25 lakh for establishing a craft café at Poompuhar Sales showroom at Mamallapuram. This is an unique and innovative concept to bring significant increase in sale of handicraft products. The construction work has been completed and likely to be inaugurated shortly.

- The Government of Tamil Nadu sanctioned Rs.1 crore from the State Innovation Fund for creating an "e-Repository of Artisans and their Skills". This is a comprehensive and dynamically updated web based repository of all artisans in the State of Tamil Nadu, with dedicated web-page in a standardized format for each artisan who has been registered in the site, with special features to promote marginalized groups of artisans. Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu inaugurated the scheme on 12.05.2017.

- With the Financial Assistance of Rs.50 lakh, another floor (2nd) is being constructed at Poompuhar Sales Showroom, Chennai, with all required facilities including A/C to conduct regular exhibition and display theme based products to enhance the turnover of the Corporation. Government of Tamil Nadu has sanctioned Rs.50 lakh for the project.

- The Government of Tamil Nadu has announced March 5th of every year as "Artisan Day" in order to create awareness about handicraft of Tamil Nadu among the public. Further, this artisan day will be organized all over the Tamil Nadu to encourage artisans for further development of the craft. The annual Poompuhar awards will be given to coincide with the Artisans day. The Government has sanctioned Rs.35 lakh for the above program during the year 2017-2018 and the same will be held at Kalaivanar Arangam on 5th March 2018.

- With the Financial Assistant of Rs.7 lakh by the State Government to conduct training program to the transgender in the flood affected Cuddalore District, a training in banana fiber craft to 50 transgenders is being held at Annamalai University for a period of 3 months.

- To revive the languishing crafts such as Papier Machie, Teracotta, Palm leaf, Korai Mat, Clay in Tamil Nadu, the Corporation has proposed to setup CFC with the Finance Assistance of Rs. 50 lakh for each for further development of craft.

- The Hon'ble Chief Mister of Tamil Nadu inaugurated the distribution of tool kits worth of Rs.5000/- to the artisans at the function held 09-03-2017. So far more than thousand tool kits have been distributed.

Poompuhar Awards:

- As per announcement of the Government, the Master craftpersons who have dedicated their entire life for the craft as well as further development of the craftpersons / craft sector, Living Craft Treasure award has been introduced from the year 2013-2014 to honour them. The award consists of one lakh cash prize, 8 gms gold medal, Thamirapathiram and certificate. The Hon'ble Chief Minister has given way 10 Living Craft Treasure awards to the artisans on 28.08.2014. The Hon'ble Chief Minister has also announced that 10 Master craftpersons will be awarded every year. The award has since been given every year. The Hon'ble Chief Minster has given away 10 LCT to Master craftpersons on 12.05.2017.

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- The Chief Minister's Comprehensive Health Insurance Scheme, with new features, has been under implementation from 11.01.2017. Under the said scheme, the sum insured for the specialised procedures is enhanced from Rs.1.5 lakh to Rs.2 lakh. The scheme covers 1,027 procedures which include 38 important diagonostic procedures, 154 follow up procedures and 8 high end procedures. Migrants including construction workers who reside for more than six months and orphans as defined by the State Government are included in this scheme. Under the scheme up to 30.11.2017, 6.51 lakh persons undergone treatment at a cost of Rs. 930.76 crore. In addition, 1,311 patients undergone specialised surgery from the Corpus Fund for an amount of Rs.102.77 crore. Government Hospitals earned an amount of Rs.216.56 crore.

- During the period under Muthulakshmi Reddy Maternity Benefit Scheme, 5.64 lakh pregnant women received financial assistance of Rs.513.64 crore.

- Hon'ble Chief Minister announced the enhancement of the financial assistance hitherto given under Dr. Muthulakshmi Reddy Maternity Benefit Scheme from Rs.12,000/- to Rs.18,000/-.

- 10,460 persons undergone Master Health Check Up under Amma Master Health Check Up and Amma Women special Master Health Check Up in the Government General Hospital, Chennai during this period.

- Medical Services Recruitment Board, a first of its kind in India, has recruited 6,438 persons including 4,468 Doctors.
- Under Hospital on Wheel Programme, 1,91,843 camps conducted 1.43 crore persons benefited in these camps.
- 11.51 lakh persons including 2,90,147 lakh pregnant mothers benefitted under 108 Emergency Ambulance Service. Hon'ble Chief Minister has inaugurated 25 new ambulances on 18.05.2017 at a cost of Rs.3.55 crore and 22 vehicles at a cost of Rs.3.30 crore for 108 Emergency Ambulance Service on 02.11.2017. Hon'ble Chief Minister launched "Avasaram 108" App. for android phones for the use of general public and "Pilot App" for the use of 108 ambulance drivers on 02.11.2017.
- 1.92 lakh persons benefitted through '104' Health Helpline Service.
- Amma Baby Care Kit 4.14 lakh mothers were given the kits for their babies.
- Amma Arockia Thittam is under implementation in 400 Upgraded and Block Primary Health Centres. 16.49 lakh persons benefitted.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister has inaugurated the State of Art Out Patient Block constructed by the Japan International Co-operation Agency (JICA) at a cost of Rs.91 crore and also the Paediatric Cath lab at a cost of Rs.16.11 crore at the Institute of Child Health and Hospital for Children, Egmore on 04.03.2017.
- In the Chennai Region comprising Vellore, Villupuram, Thiruvannamalai and Kanchipuram Districts, Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated the Dean quarters in the Government Stanley Hospital, Chennai, Maternity Ward and Paediatric Ward in the Kallakurichi District Headquarters Hospital in Villupuram District and also new buildings for 4 upgraded primary health centres, 5 new primary health centres, 3 health sub centres and Staff Nurse quarters in 6 primary health centres constructed at a total cost of Rs.9.40 crore.
- In the Salem Region comprising Salem and Krishnagiri Districts, Hon'ble Chief Minister has inaugurated 20 new buildings constructed at a cost of Rs.29.25 crore on 07.03.2017 i.e. Senior / Junior Resident and CRRI Quarters at a cost of Rs.18.81 crore at Salem Mohan Kumaramangalam Medical College Hospital, Salem, new building for various departments at Vazhappadi Government Hospital, new buildings for 2 Upgraded primary health centres, 10 new primary health centres, Medical Officer and Staff Nurse quarters and waiting room and out patient Block buildings.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister has inaugurated 20 new buildings in Tiruchirappalli region comprising Tiruchirappalli, Pudukkottai, Karur and Perambalaur Districts at a cost of Rs.28.28 crore on 07.03.2017 i.e.

Reproductive and Child Health Centre of Excellence Building in the Tiruchirappalli Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Government Hospital at a cost of Rs. 20 crore and new buildings for 4 Upgraded primary health centres, 5 new primary health centres and 10 health sub centres.

- In the Tirunelveli Region comprising Tirunelveli and Thoothukudi Districts, Hon'ble Chief Minister has inaugurated 19 new buildings, constructed at a cost of Rs.41.23 crore on 08.03.2017 i.e. Reproductive and Child Health Centre of Excellence and School of Nursing buildings at a cost of Rs.28.44 crore in Tirunelveli Government Medical College Hospital, Men and Women's Hostel, Examination Hall, CRRI Boys and Girls Hostel in Thoothukudi Government Medical College at a cost of Rs.8.71 crore, new buildings for 7 new primary health centres and one health sub centres and Staff Nurse quarters in 2 primary health centres.

- Hon'ble Chief Minister has inaugurated 15 new buildings and one MRI Scan on 08.03.2017 at a total cost of Rs.30.15 crore in the Madurai Region comprising Madurai, Dindigul, Theni, Sivagangai, Ramanathapuram and Virudhunagar Districts i.e. MRI Scan in the Sivagangai Government Medical College Hospital, Nursing School in Ramanathapuram District Headquarters Hospital, building for various blocks (200 bedded) in Dindigul Government Headquarters Hospital, Buildings for Outpatient Block, Burns Ward, Yoga and Naturopathy Life Style Clinic etc., in Virudhunagar District Headquarters Hospital, new buildings for 3 upgraded primary health centres, 2 new primary health centres and one health sub centre, Staff Nurse quarters in 6 primary health centres.

- Hon'ble Chief Minister has inaugurated 10 new buildings constructed at a total cost of Rs.11.17 crore in the Coimbatore Region comprising Coimbatore, Tiruppur, Nilgiris and Erode Districts on 18.03.2017 i.e. Maternity Ward, Operation Theatre, Medical Officer and Staff Quarters in the Valparai Government Hospital, 100 bedded ward and Yoga and Naturopathy Life Style Clinic in the District Headquarters Hospital, Tiruppur, new buildings for 3 upgraded primary health centres, two new primary health centres, two health sub centres and Medical Officer quarters in Coimbatore, Tiruppur, Nilgiris and Erode Districts.

- Hon'ble Chief Minister has inaugurated the 20 bedded male and female ward, 10 bedded post operative male and female ward and 10 bedded paediatric ward in Government Hospital, Thirupuvanam, Sivagangai District constructed at a cost of Rs.3 crore, Maternity OP block, post operative ward and Radiology Block constructed at a cost of Rs.1.20 crore in the Government District Headquarters Hospital, Dindigul and OP Block and Blood Bank, constructed at a cost of Rs.90 lakh in the Government District Headquarters Hospital, Pennagaram, Dharmapuri District, new buildings for Primary Health Centres (PHCs) at Vallippattu, Thamalerimuthur and Nagavedu in Vellore District, Sengurichi and Seerpanandal in Villupuram District, Velliyagaram in Tiruvallur District, Vishwanatham in Virudhunagar District, Thanampatti in Krishnagiri District and Karumbanur in Tirunelveli district, Okkanadu Keelaiyur in Thanjavur District, new building for upgraded PHCs at Kollumedu in Tiruvallur District, Alangudi

in Tiruvarur District and Lalapet in Vellore District constructed at a cost of Rs.3.30 crore on 03.05.2017.

- Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated new Govenrment Medical College and attached Hospital, Pudukkottai with an intake of 150 MBBS students, constructed at a cost of Rs.229.46 crore on 09.06.2017.
- Hostel building for the Undergraduate Medical Students in the Madras Medical College, Chennai constructed at a cost of Rs.28.85 crore was inaugurated by Hon'ble Chief Minister on 17.07.2017.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated the Maternity Block building with Neonatal Intensive Care Unive in Mettupalayam Government Hospital, Coimbatore District at a cost of Rs.2.75 crore, Inpatient block in Kalasapakkam Government Hospital, Tiruvannamalai District at a cost of Rs.80 lakh and 2 upgraded PHC building and 5 new PHC buildings at a cost of Rs.5.05 crore on 22.09.2017.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated Rota Virus vaccination programme at Salem on 17.09.2017 for the 11 lakh children which cost about Rs.3,000/- per dose and this vaccination is being provided free of cost to the children.
- 24 PHCs have been upgraded as 30 bedded PHC at a cost of Rs.33.99 crore and PWD is constructing these buildings.
- The Outpatient Block constructed at a cost of Rs.10 crore in the District Headquarters Hospital, Cheyyar, Tiruvannamalai District has been inaugurated for the public use on 27.10.2017.
- The Volutary Blood Donation which was 57% in 2001-2002 has gone to 99.95% in February 2017 to November 2017.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated the RCH Centre of Excellance building in the Government Medical College Hospital, Madurai constructed at a cost of Rs.50 crore on the occation of Dr. MGR Centeneray Celebration at Madurai.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated 36 new vehicles at a cost of Rs.3.13 crore under 102 Free Drop Back facility and during the period from February 2017 to November 2017, 1,09,925 mothers and babies were benefitted.
- 11 new Primary Health Centre buildings at a cost of Rs.6.08 crore in Kancheepuram, Vellore and Krishnagiri Districts inaugurated by Hon'ble Chief Minister on 30.08.2017, 09.09.2017 and 23.09.2017 respectively.
- 12 new Primary Health Centres have been opened at a cost of Rs.10.08 crore.

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HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

- In the Budget Estimate 2017-2018, Rs.3,680 crore has been allocated for the Higher Education Department.
- The Government has established 8 new Government Arts and Science Colleges one each at Palacode of Dharmapuri District, Kattumannarkovil of Cuddalore District, Kudavasal of Thiruvarur District, Villupuram (Women's) of Villupuram District, Sirgazhi of Nagapattinam District, Thittamalai of Erode District, Madhanoor of Vellore District and Palladam of Tiruppur District and 3 University Constituent Arts and Science Colleges at Senthamangalam of Namakkal District, Pollachi and Thondamuthur of Coimbatore District during the academic year 2017-2018.
- The Government has accorded sanction for starting a new Government Polytechnic College at Vanavasi, Mettur Taluk in Salem District from the academic year 2018-2019 onwards.
- In order to get employment opportunities for the students studying in the Government Arts and Science Colleges, 268 new courses (60 UG, 75 PG, 133 Research) have been introduced in the Government Arts and Science Colleges during the academic year 2017-2018. Similarly, 89 new courses were sactioned to University Constituent Colleges of Madras University, Bharathiyar University, Bharathidasan University, Thiruvalluvar University, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Alagappa University and Periyar University.
- The Government has accorded sanction for Rs.210 crore for construction of 862 Class rooms and 172 Labs in the 68 Government Arts and Science Colleges in Tamil Nadu.
- In commemoration of the Birth Centenary of the late Hon'ble Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivar M.G.R., during 2017 – 2018 the Government has renamed Government Arts and Science Colleges as Dr.Puratchi Thalaivar MGR Arts and Science College at Kattumannarkovil of Cuddalore District,

Villpuram (Women's) of Villupuram District, Uthiramerur of Kancheepuram District, Kudavasal of Thiruvarur District, Madhanoor of Vellore District, Sirgazhi of Nagapattinam District and Palacode of Dharmapuri District.

- The Government has accorded sanction for a sum of Rs.58 lakh to prepare 720 e-Learning Video modules for the students of Government Polytechnic Colleges.
- The Government has accorded sanction for a sum of Rs.2.50 crore for the establishment of Science on a Sphere at Periyar Science and Technology Centre, Chennai.
- The Government has accorded permission for starting of two new courses viz., B.Sc. Computer Science and B.C.A in the newly started Government Arts and Science College at Veerapandi, Theni District from the academic year 2017-2018 and also sanctioned 12 Assistant Professor Posts and accorded Financial sanction for recurring expenditure of Rs.69,98,400/-.
- The Government has sanctioned a sum of Rs.48,79,650/- for the purchase of dustbins to the 62 Government Arts & Science Colleges, 7 Colleges of Education and 24 University constituent colleges under Rs.100 crore infrastructure improvement project for Government / University Constituent Colleges.
- The Government has sanctioned a sum of Rs.5,20,00,000/- for the purchase of laboratory equipments and a sum of Rs.1,50,00,000/- for the improvement of laboratories in 62 Government Arts & Science Colleges under Rs.100 crore infrastructure improvement project for Government / University Constituent Colleges.
- Government Aided Arts and Science Colleges have been permitted to fill up 414 teaching vacant posts.
- Rs.106.90 crore (Rs.10.69 crore each) was sanctioned during the year 2017-2018 for the construction of additional classrooms and hostel buildings to the 10 new Government Polytechnic Colleges established during 2013-2014.
- Sanction of 40 Posts (48 Teaching and 8 Technical Supporting Staff) for the 4th academic year 2016-2017 to Government Engineering College, Sengipatti in Thanjavur District and Chettikarai in Dharmapuri District, established during 2013-2014.
- An additional amount of Rs.33,63,332/- has been sanctioned for the Construction of Integrated Workshop Building at Central Polytechnic College, Taramani, Chennai.
- Rs.1 crore was sanctioned towards Non-Recurring expenditure for the "Establishment of Non-Destructive Testing Training Centre" at Tamil Nadu Polytechnic College, Madurai.
- Sanction of 24 Posts (20 Teaching and 4 Technical Supporting Staff) for the 4th academic year 2015-2016 to Government Engineering College, Srirangam, Tiruchirappalli District, established during 2013-2014 Further, Rs.55 lakh was sanctioned for purchase of Equipment, Computer, Furniture, Books and E-journals for the 4th academic year 2016-2017 for the above college.
- During the period 16.02.2017 to 15.05.2017, 3,208 free of cost laptop computers were distributed to the students of 24 Government and Government Aided Polytechnic Colleges.

- During 2017-2018, Rs.307.13 crore have been disbursed for 1,61,138 students under First Generation Graduate scholarship scheme.
- Permission was granted to start two P.G. courses in M.E. Structural Engineering and M.E. Communication Systems at Government College of Engineering, Tirunelveli.
- 187 Assistant Professors were appointed in Government Engineering Colleges during 2017-2018 through Teachers Recruitment Board.
- 52 Assistants, 1 Steno-Typist, and 1 Typist who were selected through Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission were appointed in Technical Education Department.
- To create awareness among the students on the ways to generate electricity using nuclear Power, Tamil Nadu Science and Technology Centre in coordination with the Russian State Atomic Energy Corporation "Rosatom" has established a Section on Nuclear Installations, having a value of Rs.40 lakh in Periyar Science and Technology Centre, Chennai. Latest technologies such as augmented reality and Digital Virtual Technology, Radiation meter to know the radiation levels of the individual visitors, etc are introduced in this section. This facility was inaugurated on 26.04.2017.
- Additional class rooms at a cost of Rs.2.50 crore for Manonmaniam Sundaranar Constituent College at Nagalapuram under the Self Sufficiency Scheme were constructed.
- The Government has sanctioned a sum of Rs.10,00,00,000/- for the construction of new hostel building for boys in the campus of Presidency College, Chennai.
- The Government has accorded administrative sanction of Rs.1,69,60,429/- and Financial sanction for Rs.50,00,000/- for the construction of permanent building to the O/o the Regional Joint Director of Collegiate Education, Dharmapuri Region. The Government has also accorded administrative sanction and Financial sanction of Rs.1,86,14,993/- for the construction of permanent building to the O/o the Regional Joint Director of Collegiate Education, Thanjavur Region.
- In the academic year 2017-2018, the Government have sanctioned Rs. 2 crore for construction of own building to Government Arts and Science College Perambakkam, Kanchipuram District and a sum of Rs. 10 lakh for construction of own bulding to Government Arts and Government of College, Mettupalayam in Coimbatore District.
- In order to maintain cleanliness in 85 Government Colleges (both Women and Co-Education) which are functioning under the Department of Collegiate Education and welfare of women students, the Government has sanctioned a sum of Rs.46,69,600/- for the purchase of modern Napkin dispensing machines.
- In order to purchase Bench and Desk to the 2nd year, 3rd students studying in 14 Government Arts and Science Colleges and Chairs and Tables to these college teachers, the Government have sanctioned a sum of Rs.1,86,61,855/- under 100 crore scheme.

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- Under Comprehensive Road Infrastructure Development Program, Widening, Improvements in 3,143 Km length of roads and 120 culverts / bridges / other protective works have been completed at an expenditure of Rs.1,813.70 crore.
- Relaying of 1,544 Km length of Roads has been completed at an expenditure of Rs.137.04 crore.
- Under Extended Chennai Corporation Area scheme, 12 works completed at an expenditure of Rs.13.56 crore.
- Under Road Safety Project, Rs.35.05 crore value of works has been completed.
- Road Over Bridges, in Chennai District at Vyasarpadi for an amount of Rs.80.68 crore, at Tiruvottriyur Maatumandai at a cost of Rs.47 crore, in Tirunelveli District at Munnerpallam at a cost of Rs. 32.70 crore, in Villupuram District at Mailam at a cost of Rs.22.43 crore, in Madurai District Vadapazhanji at a cost of Rs. 13.82 crore and 1 ROB at Tiruppur, Coimbatore respectively and LUS at Virudhunagar were completed with an expenditure of Rs.71.58 crore.
- With the assistance of NABARD loan, 15 Roads to a length of 39.87 Km have been completed at a cost of Rs. 22 crore and 48 Bridges have been completed incurring an expenditure of Rs. 105.87 crore.
- Grade Separator at a cost of Rs. 54 crore at Porur and additional three Lane Bridge across Coovam river at EVR Salai near Aminjikarai at a cost of Rs. 11.10 crore were completed in Chennai District.

MAJOR WORKS SANCTIONED DURING 2017-2018

- Under the Comprehensive Road Infrastructure Development Programme, Government has sanctioned a large scale widening and improvements to Highways roads to cater the rising vehicular growth

and development of new Economic Zones, Industrial parks etc. During 2017-2018, Government has sanctioned 5,060.85 Km of roads, Construction of 99 Bridges/ Culverts and 638 Numbers of other protective works and land acquisition works at a cost of Rs. 2,772.50 crore.

- In order to facilitate free flow of traffic and to avoid accidents in Salem City at Steel Plant road junction, Government has sanctioned the work of "Construction of Flyover at Steel Plant Road Junction in Salem City" at a cost of Rs.21.97 crore and the tender is invited.
- Government has sanctioned an amount of Rs.38.82 crore for the acquisition of lands for the Formation of Ring Road to Vellore City (Phase-I).
- Government has sanctioned Rs.100 crore for carrying out the Road Safety Components of Widening / Reconstruction of narrow Culverts / Minor bridges / Causeways, Realignment of S curve/ Acute curve, Construction of safety wall/ Crash barrier along High Embankment/ Hill road, junction improvements and improvement of accident prone spots. The works are in progress.
- In order to improve the connectivity in and around Chennai City, Government has sanctioned an amount of Rs.216 crore for the upgradation of the core road networks in and around Chennai City, Rs.51.21Lakh for preparation of Land Plan schedule and Rs.50 Lakh for preparation of DPR for 2 Grade Separators.
- The Government has sanctioned an amount of Rs.11.50 crore for Widening from double lane to four lane and strengthening at km 0/0 – 2/0 of Puduvoyal – Pulicat Road excluding Land Acquisition as phase-I.
- The Government has sanctioned an amount of Rs.45 crore for Widening from intermediate lane to four lane and strengthening at km 2/0 – 6/2 of Puduvoyal – Pulicat Road including Land Acquisition under TNIPP2.
- Government has sanctioned an amount of Rs.125.96 crore for the land acquisition for the Formation of Outer Ring Road to Hosur Town.
- The - Administrative sanction has been accorded for the upgradation of 460 nos of Panchayat Union Roads / Panchayat Roads to ODR standard to a length of 1435.96 km at a cost of Rs. 608 crore under State Fund Works will be commenced shortly.

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HOME, PROHIBITION AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT

- Under the able leadership and guidance of Hon'ble Chief Minister, the atmosphere in the State is characterized by peace, stability and order. Due to the tireless efforts and timely preventive measures taken by the Police, the Law and Order situation in the State remained peaceful round the year. The State Assembly Bye-election is held in the State in a free atmosphere by providing elaborate bandobust arrangements.

- Financial sanction orders were issued for setting up of Investigative Units of Crime against Women (IUCAW) in 07 Districts viz., Chennai City, Vellore, Villupuram, Dharmapuri, Thanjavur, Madurai and Tirunelveli to expedite investigation of heinous crimes against women.

- Orders were issued sanctioning 43 posts of Inspector of Police for formation of Anti Child Trafficking Unit a sub unit within the existing Anti Human Trafficking Unit in each City / District and in Railways to investigate Child lifting and child missing cases.

- Orders were issued for formation new Sub-Division at Palacode by bifurcating Pennagaram Sub-Division and Dharmapuri Sub-Division in Dharmapuri District with the sanction of 4 additional posts.

- The Government have accorded Administrative and Financial sanction for a sum of Rs.7,90,000/- for establishing one additional Police Canteen at Pudupet (Egmore) for the convenience of Chennai City Police personnel and it is functioning now.

- The Government have accorded Administrative and Financial sanction for a sum of Rs.7,90,000/- for establishing one additional Police Canteen at Kondithope in Chennai for the convenience of North Chennai City Police personnel.

- The Police Personnel who have completed 40 years of age are provided a free Master Health Check-up once in a year at Government Hospitals. During the year 2017, Police Personnel have availed these facilities.

- Under Road Safety, Government has allotted a sum of Rs. 65 crore for the current financial year 2017-2018.
- Based on the instructions of the Supreme Court Committee on Road Safety targets have been fixed to reduce the road accidents by 50% by 2020 considering the base year 2011.
- Based on the instructions of the Supreme Court Committee on Road Safety all the stake holder departments and the District Collectors were instructed to fix speed limits for every stretch on all type of roads.
- Creation of "Contingency Medical Fund" for the Fire and Rescue Service personnel with Government grant of Rs.50 lakh every year to meet the expenditure relating to severe burn injuries / critical injuries sustained by the personnel while performing Fire and Rescue duty.
- Creation of new Regional Forensic Science Laboratory at Dharmapuri; and construction of new building for Regional Forensic Science Laboratory at Salem were sanctioned by the Government for Forensic Sciences Department.
- In Order to extract Neera from the Coconut tree and also manufacture of products from Neera, the Government of Tamil Nadu have made amendments in Tamil Nadu Prohibition Act, 1937.
- Tamil Nadu Uniformed Services Recruitment Board had conducted Common Recruitment for the posts of Grade II Police Constables, Grade II Jail Warders and Firemen. The provisional select list was published on 31.08.2017.
- Sanction for sum of Rs.48 lakh towards the establishment of concrete tiles manufacturing unit using copper slag as a substitute of sand in Central Prison Palayamkottai under Tamil Nadu Innovation Initiative Schemes for the year 2016-2017.
- In commemoration of the Birthday Centenary of 'Bharat Ratna' Puratchi Thalaivar, former Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Dr. M.G. Ramachandran, the Government have framed the guidelines for considering the cases of life convict prisoners who have completed 10 years for releasing them prematurely.
- Enhancement of financial assistance to be paid to the legal heirs of the deceased Advocates from Rs.5.25 lakh to Rs. 7 lakh and to enhance the annual grant from Rs.4 crore to Rs.8 crore to the Tamil Nadu Advocates Welfare Fund.

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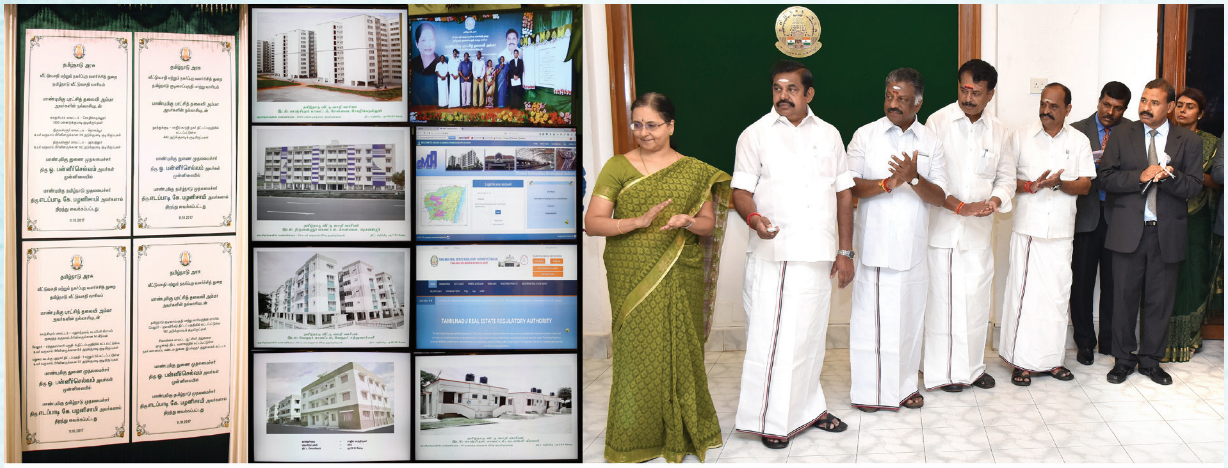
Tamil Nadu Housing Board

- 3,191 numbers of new residential units were constructed / developed at a cost of Rs.1,186.46 crore.
- 2,734 Nos. Sale deeds comprising 2,720 residential units and 14 Commercial units have been issued. It includes 754 sale deeds under Interest Waiver scheme.
- 11 units have been allotted to Differentlyabled persons.
- TNHB has earned revenue of Rs.253.28 crore by selling 606 Nos of residential units.
- TNHB has earned revenue of Rs. 1.85 crore by selling 1 No. of commercial unit.
- Land to an extent of 71.55 acres was retrieved for a value of Rs.20.54 crore.

Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board

- 9,847 tenements / houses constructed in 14 schemes at a cost of Rs.593.88 crore have been inaugurated.
- A new office complex for TNSCB Coimbatore Circle and Division Offices constructed at a cost of Rs.1.72 crore has been inaugurated.
- Approval of State Government has been accorded to construct 1,62,571 tenements / houses at a cost of Rs.6,635.10 crore for the urban slum families in Tamil Nadu under Housing for All.
- Revised Administrative approval accorded for the development of 1,657 commercial plots for establishing Auto Nagar in Chennai (Appur) at a cost of Rs.19.64 crore.
- Administrative & Financial approval accorded for taking up water supply and STP arrangements for 7,136 tenements in 5 schemes under JNNURM in Coimbatore at a cost of Rs.19.51 Crore under Infrastructures & Amenities Funds.
- Rs.87.39 crore has been released for the work of providing water supply, sewage treatment plant, internal scheme roads and storm water drains at Perumbakkam



resettlement scheme under Infrastructures & Amenities funds.

- Rs.20.00 crore released towards Repair & Renewal works to slum tenements.
- Rs.1,243.09 crore has been released for the constructions to tenements / houses for Housing for all schemes.
- Rs.42.72 crore released for the construction of 7,048 tenements at Coimbatore under JNNURM.
- The approvals of GoI have been obtained for the construction of 1,62,571 tenements / houses at a cost of Rs.6,635.10 crore under Housing for All.
- Capital expenditure of Rs.808.18 Crore has been spent for various programmes.
- Sale deeds have been issued for 362 tenements and 604 plots.
- Allotment orders issued for 8,150 tenements.
- Appointment orders have been issued for the posts of 64 Assistant Engineers and 17 Junior Engineers in Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board.

Co-Operative Housing Societies

- In order to strengthen the weak Co-operative Housing Societies special cash credit of Rs.180 lakh at the rate of 6% is being sanctioned.
- Tamil Nadu Co-Operative federation has sanctioned mortgage loan of Rs.14.28 crore to 305 members of Co-operative Housing Societies during the period 16.02.2017 to 30.11.2017.
- The Kalyana Mahal constructed at a cost of Rs.6 crore by Chennai Metropolitan Co-operative Society at Jambulingam Colony, Madavaram was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 11.05.2017 for public use.
- Tamil Nadu Co-Operative Federation from 16.02.2017 to 30.11.2017 discharged 3,970 loan documents to the members of the Primary Co-operative Housing Societies who have cleared the loan dues.

Directorate of Town and Country Planning

- This department provides grant to a tune of maximum of Rs.1 crore to each heritage town for preservation of the environment of the heritage town. The grant amount of Rs.210.89 lakh have been released to 7 heritage towns viz., Perunkulam, Suchindram, Kodumudi, Thiruparankundram, Thirupunavasal, Mayiladuthurai and Thirumuruganpoondi.

- In order to relieve the traffic congestion in the cities this department provides 75% of cost of the project subject to a maximum of Rs.1 crore for Municipal Corporations and Rs.50 lakh for Municipalities. During this period, grant amount of Rs.602.15 lakh have been released to 18 Municipalities.
- Under the scheme of providing 90% of the cost of the project as grant to a tune of maximum of Rs.15 lakh to each park for improvement of the existing parks, and creation of new parks. During this period, grant amount of Rs. 218.55 lakh have been released to 66 parks.
- The 9 projects were sanctioned for a total cost of Rs.112.12 crore.
- An amount of Rs.38.29 crore have been released to Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply & Sewerage Board for creation of new infrastructure assets in old city and added areas.
- An amount of Rs. 8.04 crore has been released to Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board for the following two projects.

  i) An amount of Rs. 86.52 crore have been released in third instalment to Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board for Infrastructure facilitites at Perumbakkam resettlement scheme.

  ii) An amount of Rs. 2.95 crore have been released as second instalment to CMDA for widening and strengthening of Taramani link road and construction of FOB at Five locations.
- The Government order has been issued for the expansion of Dindigul, Kumbakonam, Villupuram, Cuddalore, Tirunelveli and Hosur Composite Local Planning Area to cater to the rapid urban development.
- To implement a scheme for regularization the unapproved layouts / plots in the state including both urban and rural for which rules have been notified.
- Another scheme for regularization of unauthorized buildings, were implemented, for which rules have been notified.
- The online submission of planning permission files, to get the status of planning applications and to know the land use information for the entire planning area was developed and Scrutiny of Building Plan applications using software was introduced on 11.05.2017.
- New office building for Trichy and Tirunelveli Regional and Local Planning Authority Offices and Sivagangai Regional Office was inaugurated by Hon’ble Chief Minister.

Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority

- To facilitate the public to submit PPA online and also the officials to work in the workflow system which automatically updates the status, additional features were carried out in the e-Governance software developed by NIC and Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has inaugurated the “Web enabled online filing of Planning Permission Application” facility for CMDA on 11.10.2017.
- Considering the request of the general public to Government have issued order for the increase of height from 15.25m to 17m for Special Buildings and Group Developments.

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- As a part of implementation of Business Reforms Action Plan 2017 for Ease of Doing Business, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has launched an integrated web based Online Single Window Portal on 0 2.11.2017 which will enable industries to obtain the required pre-establishment, pre-operation clearances and renewals across 11 departments / agencies like DTCP, TNPCB, Fire and Rescue Services, Labour / DISH. Through this portal, 37 services of various departments will be made available to investors without any human interface.

- SIPCOT is establishing an 'Aerospace Park' to an extent of about 245 acres to accommodate aerospace components manufacturing units and maintenance & repair services, at Vallam-Vadagal SIPCOT Industrial Park and the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu laid foundation stone on 25.10.2017 for this Park. In this Park, SIPCOT has allotted 36.19 acres of land to 13 industrial units so far and TIDCO proposes to develop Aerospace ¬Advanced Computing & Design Engineering Centre through a

Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV). Further, a Common Testing & Technology Centre will be provided in this park. This park will attract Rs.1,000 crore of investment over a period of 5 years and will generate direct employment opportunity to 10,000 persons & indirect employment opportunity to 25,000 persons.

- TIDCO signed a Memorandum of Understanding with National Highways Authority of India in New Delhi on 15th May, 2017 in the presence of Hon'ble Thiru. Nithin Jairam Gadgari, Union Minister for Road and Transport and Highways and Hon'ble Thiru. M.C. Sampath, Minister for Industries, Government of Tamilnadu for developing a Multimodal Logistics Park under the Logistics Efficiency Enhancement Program of Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH), Government of India. The project will be developed in an area of about 360 acres of land at an estimated investment of Rs.1,295 crore in the Puzhuthivakkam and Voyalur Villages of Ponneri Taluk, Thiruvallur District located near the Kamarajar Port in the centre of the Ponneri Industrial Node area. The proposed Multimodal Logistics Park will bring down the overall freight costs, reduce vehicular pollution and congestion and will enable reduction of warehousing costs.

- Loans for a total amount of Rs.409.86 crore were sanctioned by Tamil Nadu Industrial Investment Corporation Limited (TIIC) with 3% interest subvention of Tamil Nadu Government, which results in lesser interest rate than the prevailing market interest rate, to benefit 833 number of entrepreneurs.

- Generator loans totaling Rs.58.94 lakh were sanctioned by Tamil Nadu Industrial Investment Corporation Limited (TIIC) to 10 units which have benefited through

the scheme of reduction in promoters contribution to 10%.

- TIIC is implementing NEEDS Scheme of the State Government for assisting educated youth to become first generation entrepreneurs. 62 units were sanctioned Rs.32.30 crore loan under this scheme.

- Government of Tamil Nadu has launched Amma Cement supply scheme to provide cement at a concessional rate of Rs.190 per pack to lower and middle income group of people in order to mitigate the hardships faced by the increase of cement prices in the open market. Amma Cement supply scheme was sold to the tune of 8,00,022 MT (1,60,00,440 bags) and 2,97,760 beneficiaries are benefited during the period of from 16.02.2017 to 28.01.2018.

- Tamil Nadu salt corporation sold 24,472 tonnes of AMMA SALT during the period from 16.02.2017 to 28.01.2018. The total sale of Amma salt from the launch date to 28.01.2018 is 70,064 tonnes.

- TNSC produced 1,85,610 tonnes of Industrial grade salt during period from 16.02.2017 to 28.01.2018. TNSC achieved highest production of 2,18,450 tonnes during the year 2017.

- TNSC installed salt refinery at a cost of 5.63 crore at Valinokkam. This plant commissioned on 20.04.2017 by the Hon'ble Minister for Industries and Hon'ble Minister for Information Technology. The salt refinery will produce 30,000 tonnes of refined free flow Iodised salt and 10,000 tones of Double Fortified salt per Annam.

- Tamil Nadu Magnesite Ltd. has produced 52,165/- MT of Raw Magnesite, 21,757 MT of Dead Burnt Magnesite, 8,659 MT of Lightly Calcined Magnesite, and 69,980 MT of Dunite during the year 2017.

- Tamil Nadu magnesite Ltd has achieved sales turnover of Rs.103.75 crore by selling 23,891 MT of Dead Burnet Magnesite to the value of Rs.49.37 crore, Lightly calcined Magnesite 8,782 MT to the value of Rs.20.75 crore, 69,805 MT of Dunite to the value of Rs.17.67 crore and other products to the value of Rs.15.96 crore.

- The Government have made amendments to Rule 12 (2) of Tamil Nadu Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1959 for the purpose of de-silting the water bodies to increase the storage capacity and at the same time enabling the farmers to utilize the desilted Silt/Earth for their agriculture field at free of cost. A quantity of 4,65,22,619 cubic meter of silt / clay etc., was removed from 45,035 water bodies and thus 4,92,091 farmers have been benefited by this scheme.

- As per the notification of Government of India Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, the Government of Tamil Nadu have established District Environment Impact Assessment Authority in all the Districts. So far, the DEIAA has issued 410 environmental clearances to the applicants in the State.

- To encourage the M-sand production in the State, the Government issued orders to frame the norms / procedures for establishment of M-Sand units suitable for construction purposes which will enable the public to get uninterrupted supply of M-sand which is an alternative for sand at an affordable price.

- In accordance with section 9B of Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulations) Amended Act, 2015, District Mineral Foundation Trust has been established in all the Districts in the State for the interest and benefit of the mine affected people and area.

- An amount of Rs.117.69 crore have been collected from the lessees of the major and mineral leases in order to implement the Pradhan Mantri Khanij Kshetra Kalyan Yojana. The fund accrued in District Mineral Foundation Trust will be utilized for the welfare of the mine affected people and area in the State.

- State Advised Price for Sugarcane increased to Rs.2,850/-MT During 2016-2017 crushing season (October 1st to september 30) Rs.119.04 Lakh Metric Tonne, of cane was crushed and Rs. 2839.43 crore paid to farmer.

- To improve Sugarcane production, under sustainable sugarcane Initiative Scheme Rs. 30.00 crore subsidy is being extended to farmers to install 1,600 shadenets and to produce Rs. 24 crore sugarcane bud chip seedlings.

- The Government of Tamil Nadu had enacted the Tamil Nadu Business Facilitation Act 2018 to strengthen the single window system by stipulating timelines for each approval and also made provisions for deemed approval in respect of certain clearances. Further, it also provides for a grievance redressal mechanism through High level committees to monitor that the approvals are accorded within the time lines.

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> - Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu
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> **Thiru. Edappadi K. Palaniswami**

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

Information Technology Department

Electronics Corporation of Tamil Nadu Limited

- A 50,000sq.ft. IT Park Building has been constructed at a cost of Rs.19.72 crore in ELCOSEZ – Jagirammapalayam, Salem and inaugurated by Hon'ble Chief Minister on 23.05.2017.
- An Administrative building at a cost of Rs.1.22 crore has been constructed in ELCOSEZ, Vilankurichi village, Coimbatore and inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 23.05.2017.
- A 50,000sq.ft. IT Park Building has been constructed at a cost of Rs.21 crore in ELCOSEZ – Viswanathapuram, Hosur and inaugurated by Hon'ble Chief Minister on 11.10.2017.
- A Food Court cum Conference Hall has been constructed at a cost of Rs.1.73 crore in ELCOSEZ – Navalpattu, Tiruchy and inaugurated by Hon'ble Chief Minister on 11.10.2017.
- A Food Court cum Conference Hall at a cost of Rs.1.70 crore has been constructed in ELCOSEZ, Ilandhaikulam, Madurai and inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 11.10.2017.
- Infrastructure for water supply has been created at a cost of Rs.1.42 crore in ELCOSEZ – Tirunelveli, Gangaikondan and inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 11.10.2017.
- Common Infrastructure facilities at a cost of Rs. 14.99 crore and Railway over Bridge established at a cost of Rs. 20.09 at ELCOSEZ-Vadapalanji Village, Madurai were inaugurated by Hon'ble Chief Minister on 04.01.2018.

- TNDRC located at Trichy with 50 racks facility expandable to 100 racks was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 11.10.2017. The TNDRC is established in a different seismic zone to protect critical data of TNSDC for storing the data at a remote site.
- ELCOT has completed the supply of 5,00,000 Nos. Laptop Computers for the current academic year 2016-2017 to Government and Government Aided School Students.
- The expenditure incurred towards 5,00,000 Nos. laptop computers during the year 2016-2017 for the period from 16.02.2017 to 30.11.2017 is Rs.620 crore.
- Hon'ble Minister for Information Technology has announced on the floor of Legislative Assembly during the Budget Session 2017-2018 that 'Open Government Data' in all Government Departments for sharing data pertaining to Government Welfare Schemes and Conducting Hackathons using this data will be implemented by the Government. The Open Government Data (OGD) portal is intended to be used by the Government Departments and other organizations of Government of Tamil Nadu to publish the datasets, documents, services, tools and applications collected by them, for public use. The State instance for OGD Tamil Nadu state has been created and it is now operational in the address https://tn.data.gov.in/. Registrations for 49 Chief Data Officers (CDOs) are completed. So far, 58 different datasets are ported into the TN OGD portal by 10 State Departments.
- UIDAI has onboarded TNeGA as Registrar and ELCOT & TACTV as Enrolment Agencies for providing fresh Aadhaar Enrolment and other Aadhaar related services in Tamil Nadu. As on 24.01.2018, Aadhaar Enrolment count by ELCOT - 10,97,473 (Online & Offline); Data upload into UIDAI Server by ELCOT-10,94,969; SPR transaction online count by ELCOT - 10,30,319.

Aadhaar enrolment of 0-5 years age population:

- Government has appointed the Commissionerate of e-Governance / Tamil Nadu e-Governance Agency as Registrar and Tamil nadu Arasu Cable TV Corporation (TACTV) and ELCOT as Enrolment Agencies for Aadhaar Enrolment in Tamil Nadu. Accordingly, Aadhaar enrolment is being done through these two agencies through permanent Enrolment Centres (PEC) established by them. The Aadhaar enrolment for 0-5 years age population started during the month of March' 2017 and so far more than 3.50 lakh children have got enroled.

Commissionerate of e-Governance /
Tamil Nadu e-Governance Agency

Arasu e-Sevai Centres:

- As per the Announcement made by the then Hon'ble Chief Minister under Rule 110 that "In addition to the services now offered through CSCs, 300 more services will be offered through e-District", work order was issued to System Integrator for e-District Rollout out of the identified services. Functional Requirement Specification (FRS) has been completed for 27 services

and Software Requirement Specification (SRS) is completed for 19 services and for the remaining 8 services SRS preparation is under progress. Further for 69 services FRS is under preparation. More than 190 services have been offered through these e-Sevai centres.

- As per the announcement made by the Government in the floor of the Assembly on 04.08.2014, that Tamil Nadu Arasu Cable TV Corporation and Tamil Nadu e-Governance Agency have already established 10,414 Arasu e-Seva Centres in all the Taluks of Tamil Nadu including the Chennai Corporation Area and Total transaction count 4.53 crore as on 08.01.2018.

Ullangaiyil Sanridhazh Scheme :

- Nowadays mobile phone is the most used medium used by citizens of our country. The services provided by TNeGA are delivered to the citizens through convenient and easily accessible delivery channels / web enabled media, ensuring efficiency, transparency and reliability at affordable costs and to make all citizens an integral part of the evergrowing knowledge society and accomplish quality living. The status / notification of the applications submitted by the citizens are being delivered via SMS.
- In order to reach the Certificate in the door steps of Citizen, "Tiny URL" for e-District have been developed with the help of M/s CDAC and it is ready to launch.
- On implementation of this scheme, Tiny Url will be sent to the registered mobile number once the certificate is ready after the scrutiny. With the help of smart phones with internet connectivity, the certificate can be downloaded by the Citizen from their Home. This scheme has been inaugurated by Hon'ble Chief Minister on 23.05.2017.

e-MADAL

- e-Madal is a Technological Tamil e-Magazine that has been launched by our Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 11.10.2017. It envisages for dissemniating information about latest technological trends and various e-services being rendered by Government of Tamil Nadu which helps the public to easily understand in their native language. The e-Madal is being published twice in a month (fortnightly) in Tamil and also English (as bilingual) and has emerged as a crucial platform for sharing success stories of e-Governance, so that they are emulated and its replication promoted in other areas. In order to reach its access to public, the e-Madal is now available in all the 11,000 e-Sevai Centres across Tamil Nadu. So far, 8 editions have been successfully published and received positive feedback from the citizens.

e-Governance Policy:

- Hon'ble Chief Minister on 02.01.2018 has released the e-Governance Policy of the State. The e-Governance Policy will provide direction to e-Governance implementation in various departments of the State Government.

Best Practices Award 2015:

- Common Service Centres have been presented with the Best Practices Award for improvement of quality delivery system ensuring Good Governance by

the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu during the Independence Day Celebration of 15th August 2015.

CII CONNECT Awards 2016-2017:

- Commissionerate of e-Governance and Tamil Nadu e-Governance Agency have been presented with "Best e-Governance award" for the year 2016-2017 by CII CONNECT.

Tamil Nadu Arasu Cable TV Corporation

1.Cable TV Services

- The Prime motto of ARASU Cable TV Corporation is to provide high quality cable TV signals to the public at an affordable cost.
- The Tamil Nadu Arasu Cable TV Corporation is providing 106 Channels to public with quality and clarity at an affordable cost of Rs.70/- .
- LCO collection during the period 16.02.2017 to 30.11.2017 - Rs.89,44,54,633/-.
- PLC collection during the period 16.02.2017 to 30.11.2017 - Rs.58,28,68,822/-.
- Due to Tamil Nadu Government's continuous efforts, the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting (MIB), Government of India has provided the DAS license to Tamil Nadu Arasu Cable TV Corporation on 17.04.2017.
- TACTV has introduced the Mobile App for online payment of Cable TV subscription amount by the public directly to TACTV. The Mobile App of TACTV Corporation was launched by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 19.04.2017.
- On 01.09.2017 Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu inaugurated the upgraded MPEG 4 Digital Head End of TACTV and also distributed free Set Top Boxes.
- Tamil Nadu Arasu Cable TV Corporation has selected the vendor for supply of Set Top Boxes through Global Tender for procurement of Set Top Boxes and 12.5 lakh Set Top Boxes have been received and 10 lakh Set Top Boxes have been distributed to the public all over Tamil Nadu.
- Tamil Nadu Arasu Cable TV Corporation is providing quality Digital Cable TV Service in Package I @ Rs.125/- +GST (200 Channels), Package II @ Rs.175/- + GST (300 Channels).
- Subscribers base has been increased to 70.52 lakh and after Digitalization it is expected to be increased further.

2. Internet Services

- The 'Internet to Every household' scheme was launched on 01.03.2016 across the State and initially internet connections provided to 1,100 households in the District Headquarters, which has now increased to 4,500.
- 392 applications have been received through EoI and orders issued to 170 applicants with an expected subscriber base of 24,750 households.
- The free Public 'AMMA Wi-Fi' Scheme of Tamil Nadu Arasu Cable TV Corporation has been approved by State Planning Committee under Tamil Nadu Innovations Initiatives (TANII) for 50 places and an amount of Rs.8.50 crore has been sanctioned, and a pilot project 'AMMA Wi-

Fi' zones will be commissioned in 5 places (Salem Bus stand, Kovai Bus stand, Trichy Bus stand, Madurai Bus stand, and Near Merina UzhaipalarSilai). Technical work is in process and the scheme will be launched shortly.

- Free Broadband Internet facility in pilot will be provided in 50 Government Schools in Phase-I with a budgetary support of Rs.1.23 crore sanctioned by the Government. The work is in process.

Tamil Virtual Academy

- Unicode and TACE (Tamil All-Character Encoding)
- Tamil Unicode and TACE (Tamil All-Character Encoding) have been announced as a standard by Government of Tamil Nadu. For this purpose, fonts and keyboard drivers have been developed and given to users at free of cost.

A Visual Thesaurus for Tamil

- TVA has developed "A Visual Thesaurus for Tamil". This Visual Thesaurus contains

lists of words grouped together according to similarity of meaning (containing synonyms) in one package. Till date 15,000 headwords have been identified and uploaded in our website. At present 70,000 core meanings and citations have been identified for visual Thesaurus. A Beta Version App is also developed for Visual Thesaurus for Tamil.

Digitization

- Rs. 1 crore was sanctioned for creation of digital library in TVA. Under this project rare printed Tamil books, periodicals, palm leaf manuscripts and paper manuscripts were digitized and uploaded in the http://tamildigitallibrary.in website. It was inaugurated on 11.10.2017 by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu. So far, 53,50,306 pages have been scanned. Further, 9.12 TB volumes of already digitized book, palm leaf manuscripts, rare paper manuscripts have been collected from more than 30 institutions. The uploading works of all the above resources into the website with MARC 21 format metadata and proper categorization being done regularly.

Tagavalaatruppadai

- As per the Hon'ble Chief Minister's Announcement in the assembly under rule 110 on 11.08.2014, orders have been issued for Creation of a Comprehensive and collaborative Repository of Tamil language, literature, Art, etc., and Rs. 20 lakh was sanctioned for the same. In this scheme Archaeology and History sites including 29 Pre-history (161 Images), 35 Excavations (921 Images), 81 Inscriptions (838 Images), 137 Religious structures (3343 Images), 29 Sculptures (1428 Images), 502 Coins (502 Images), 184 Copper Plates (1736), 10 Archaeological Monuments (355 Images) and 53 Paintings (1803 Images) (total 558 sites) 11,087 images with metadata were uploaded in the website http://tagavalaatruppadai.in. On 11th October, 2017 the website has been inaugurated by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.
- 68,200 images of Archaeology and History including Archaeology, Excavations, Inscriptions, Temples, Sculptures, Coins, Copper Plates, Archaeological Monuments and Paintings have been photographed and collected. Excluding images uploaded in website with proper metadata, Temple category (Temples, Sculptures, Inscriptions, Copper Plates and Paintings) related 44,000 images and Archaeology oriented (Archaeology, Excavations, Coins and Archaeological Monuments) 13,200 images. The above images has been categorized into two sections and metadata preparation are under progress.
- Further, the creation of cultural repository of Madurai district has been documenting as a pioneer project. The archaeology and historical sites, traditional performances, music, dance, rare festival, sports and other cultural aspects of data of Madurai district have been collecting with help of educational and cultural institutions. So far, primary metadata of 167 archaeological sites have been collected and uploading in the website are under progress.

Kani Tamil Peravai

- Government have sanctioned a Sum of Rs.25 lakh to start KTP (Kani Tamil Paravai) in 100 colleges all over Tamil Nadu. So far 100 Kani Tamil Peravai have been formed in colleges of Universities of Madurai Kamaraj, Alagappa, Anna, Chennai, Periyar, Annai Therasa, TNMGR, TNAU and TNFU, Bharathiyar and 10,000 students have enrolled as members.

Tamil Mega Encyclopedia

- Tamil Mega Encyclopedia project database consists of details in respect of 210 departments of Government 84,000 encyclopedic articles were created in the fields of Agricultural and Fisheries and General Arts, Science.

Web & Mobile based Tamil Computing Tools

- In order to develop applets for teaching Tamil lessons, Grammar and Dictionaries in computer, cellphone and smart phone the government sanctioned a sum of Rs. 1.5 crore. The work is under progress.
- Expression of interest were invited to initiate innovative tamil computing project by Universities, Private organization and individuals. Out of 49 projects received, 15 projects have been started as per the recommendations of an Expert committee and 7 projects such as, Tamil Unicode Fonts, Tamilinaiyam Font Converter, Tamilinaiyam Sol Pesi, Tamilinaiyam Vivasaaya Thakavi, Tamilinaiyam Tolkappiya Thakaval Pervvi, Tamilinaiyam Tamil Payirruvi, Tamilinaiyam Nigazaayvi have been completed and inaugurated by Hon'ble Chief Minister on 23.05.2017 & 11.10.2017. The remaining projects are under progress. TVA has created of Tamil Corpus Bank with 150 million words. Corpus Analysis Tools have also been developed.

Localization Academic Videos in Tamil

- Khan Academy has published more than 8,000 videos relating to education, research etc. in English. TVA started localizing those videos in Tamil which will encourage the students. To enrich the Tamil educational content TVA has localized more 2,139 videos of Khan Academy in Tamil and completed for 1,909 videos and QC have been completed for 1,635 videos and uploaded in youtube channel.

Birth Centenary celebration of Dr. MGR

- To celebrate the Birth Centenary celebration of Bharath Ratna Dr. MGR, Tamil Virtual Academy has conducted poetry and essay competition among the students of Tamil Virtual Academy. For winning candidates in poetry competition, first prize of Rs. 25000/-, second prize of Rs. 15000/-, third prize of Rs. 10000/- and for essay competition winners, first prize of Rs. 25000/-, second prize of Rs. 15000/-, third prize of Rs. 10000/- cash award along with the merit certificates and medals have been distributed by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.

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Conciliation

- 2,400, industrial disputes were received 2,622 industrial disputes were disposed, 1,434 disputes were disposed amicably and pendency has been reduced considerably to 782 disputes
- A wage revision settlement was arrived on 21.03.2017 U/S 12(3) of I.D. Act of 1947 in Tannery Industry. This settlement will be in force from 01.11.2016 to 31.10.2019 benefiting one lakh workers.
- Strikes were called off in 3 Engineering Industries 7 Textile Industries, 1 Transport Industry, 1 Plantation, 1 Tannery and 10 other Industry totally in 23 industries through the conciliation talks made by conciliation officers and the employment status of 1,81,073 workers were protected.
- Lock-outs were lifted through conciliation talks made by conciliation officers in 1 Chemical industry and employment of 1,100 workers were protected.

Administrative functions

- Tamil Nadu Construction Workers Welfare Board, Labour Officers Complex with Legal Metrological Laboratory was built in Cuddalore, Salem, Dharumapuri, Nammakkal, Nagapattinam, Karur, Erode, Virudhunagar, Trichy, Theni and Thanjavvr Districts at a cost of Rs.31.07 has been inaugurated by Hon'ble Chief Minister.
- Announcement was made on the floor of the Assembly that protection of Labour welfare and proper implementation of Labour Acts will be confirmed by providing new Vehicles to officers. In order

to implement the announcement 35 new Vehicles were given to Labour Enforcement officers and Conciliation officers of the Labour Department on the expenditure of Rs.2.06 crore and 35 regular driver posts are also sanctioned. 38 Drivers were selected to the existing vacancies along with the above sanctioned posts by following usual procedures. Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu issued appointment orders to the selected drivers in the vacancies of Driver post of Labour Department on 01.09.2017.

Consumer protection

- Under the Legal Metrology Act 2,69,385 inspections were made 10,523 contraventions noticed and Rs. 80.7 lakh collected as compounding fee.
- Under Legal Metrology Packaged Commodity Rules 1,05,705 inspections made 2,286 contraventions noticed and Rs. 48.83 lakh collected as compounding fee.
- Rs. 25.78 crore has been collected as stamping fee and Rs. 2.6 lakh as registration fee under Legal Metrology Rule 2011.
- For the first time in India, at a cost of Rs. 26.30 lakh a user friendly mobile application i.e Legal Metrology Complaint Tracking System has been developed to create awareness among the consumers on the provisions of the act and also redress their grievances on weights and measures and packaged commodities. This app launched by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 04.03.2017 and put in to use.
- A short film to create awareness to public and consumers on Legal Metrology Act and Packaged Commodities Rules was produced and screened.

Eradication of Child Labour

- During the period 1,68,283 establishments were inspected by enforcement officials and District Level Task Force in all Districts. 37 violations were noticed

and one prosecution was launched. 47 child labourers were rescued Out of 47 Children 36 Children were handed over to their parents through the Child Welfare Committee with necessary advice for admitting them in the regular schools nearby their residence. Remaining 11 children are admitted to NCLP schools.

- At present 7,253 rescued child labourers studying in 314 Special Training Centers of the National Child Labour Project (NCLP). 3,263 children have been mainstreamed into the regular schools during the period.
- In the 43rd All India Industrial and Tourism Trade Fair held at Island Grounds in Chennai, bit notices were distributed to general public about the Child and Adolescent (Prohibition and Regulation) Amendment Act, 1986 and awareness generated.
- A State level Anti-Child Labour Day awareness meeting was held on 12.06.2017 in Amma Arangam, Chennai. The awards were distributed to the mainstreamed students of the Special Training Centres of National Child Labour Projects who secured high marks in the 10th and 12th standard public examinations. Awards were also given to one best teacher from each NCLP District, Tiruppur Inspector of Labour, Mettur, Deputy Director of Industrial Safety and Health, Dharmapuri NCLP project director and two field officers from Vellore and Dharmapuri District for their good performance in their area of work. Erstwhile child labourers Selvan. K. Saravanan rescued from weaving industry, now working as software developer in Hasan Tecnologies Pvt Ltd; Selvi. M. Suhaina Fasila who was a domestic worker, now working as trainee in Infosys Technologies Ltd and Selvi. K. Veeravadivu, rescued from power loom industry, now working as Team Leader in S2 Infotech, Mumbai were part of the event and shared their personal experience.

Bonded Labour

- 96 bonded labourers have been rescued from bondage from 01.04.2017 to 30.11.2017. A sum of Rs.6,28,000/- has been paid so far as immediate relief to the rescued bonded labourers.

Labour Welfare Board

- The Tamil Nadu Labour Welfare Board has extended various assistances to the tune of Rs.55,57,951 /- to benefit 13,595 workers from 16.02.2017 to 30.11.2017.

Unorganised Workers Welfare Board

- In the 17 unorganised workers welfare boards, from 16.02.2017 to till 30.11.2017, 1,63,670 workers have been newly registered and Rs.118.60 crore has been disbursed to 2,83,383 beneficiaries as welfare assistance.
- The monthly pension has been enhanced from Rs. 500/- to Rs. 1,000/- per month to

the registered manual workers who have completed 60 years of age, vide G.O.(Ms) No. 421 (Labour and Employment (I1) Department) dated 27.12.2011. 16,080 beneficiaries have benefited from 16.02.2017 to 30.11.2017.

- Two special camps are conducted every month in all Districts to increase the registration of unorganised workers. Such special camps were conducted and 45,274 unorganised workers were registered in Welfare Boards from 16.02.2017 to 30.11.2017.
- The higher educational assistance has been enhanced by Rs.2,000/- vide 94,852 beneficiaries have benefited from 16.02.2017 to 30.11.2017.
- The Government, has enhanced the Personal accident relief assistance in case of death of a registered construction worker at the worksite from Rs.1 lakh to Rs.5 lakh. 34 beneficiaries were benefited from 16.02.2017 to 30.11.2017
- The Government issued orders for establishing 50 mobile health clinics to provide health care at work sites to the construction workers engaged in construction activities, in Chennai and suburban area and in other Districts at a cost of Rs.16.39 crore by utilizing the welfare fund of Tamil Nadu Construction Workers Welfare Board. 54,708 construction workers have been benefitted with such health facilities through mobile health clinics.
- The Government issued orders to provide cost of transportation facility per child Rs.300/- per month for 10 months to the children of the workers in construction sites to attend the schools run by Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan(SSA). As per the proposal of State Project Director, SSA the transport cost Rs.8.1 lakh for the year 2016-2017 was released from TNCWWB fund on 22.11.2016. 270 children were benefited. Director, SSA has sent proposal regarding transport cost for the year 2017-2018 of Rs.7.94 lakh for 324 childrens in Erode, Kaniyakumari, Krishnagiri, Namakkal, Tirunelveli and Thoothkudi Districts. Accordingly, the transportation cost of Rs.7.94 lakh was released to SSA for the Academic year 2017-2018 on 16.10.2017.
- Government issued orders for construction of dormitories each at 5 places in Chennai and its suburban areas and 4 Districts each at Salem, Madurai, Coimbatore and Trichy for stay of 7,000 workers at the cost of Rs.106 crore by utilizing the welfare fund of Tamil Nadu Construction Workers Welfare Board. The dormitory will contain Amma Canteen, RO water plant, Laundromat, Day Care Centre for children and elders, ATM/Banking correspondence service, health clinic, reading room, recreation centre, facilitation centre for registration in

Board, facility for adult literacy, etc., in co-ordination with PWD.

- The Government ordered construction of dormitory at Thaiyur "B" Village at a cost of Rs.16.75 crore. Construction work completion certificate has been received from the Executive Engineer PWD, Kancheepuram on 10.04.2017.
- The Government ordered construction of dormitory at Ezhichur Village, Sriperumpudur TK, Kancheepuram District at a cost of Rs.14.90 crore. The Hon'ble Chief Minister opened the Dormitory on 04.03.2017.
- Government issued orders to permit TNCWWB to create an integrated application software for all unorganized welfare boards operating under the administration control of Labour Department through Tamil Nadu e-Governance Agency (TNeGA) at a cost of Rs.1,04,72,000/- by utilizing TNCWWB Fund and Tamil Nadu Unorganized Drivers Welfare Board Fund in the ratio of 80:20 respectively to enable the Unorganised workers to register and get the welfare benefits easily and Online Cess Remittance payable to the Construction Board directly. The application software is being developed by TNeGA.
- The Government has ordered to establish the toll free number cum multi-lingual assistance centre for the convenience of Tamil Nadu unorganised workers and inter-state migrant workers at the cost of Rs.9,95,119/- by utilizing the funds of Tamil Nadu Construction Workers Welfare Board through TAC for providing information to the unorganised workers, including interstate migrant workers on the different schemes operated by various welfare board schemes and also to facilitate redressing their grievances. To install the Hardware for EPBX/Infoclerk Interactive Voice Response system solution including software and hardware equipment amount of Rs.2,23,956/- has been released from TNCWWB fund to BSNL on 12.04.2017. Equipments were installed. Three persons knowing Tamil, Telugu and Hindi languages received from guardian management services are being trained for toll free number cum Multi Lingual Assistance Centre.
- The Government has permitted to purchase 32 jeeps (Bolero LX 2WD NAC 7STR PS BS4) for all Labour Officers(SSS). The Hon'ble Tamil Nadu Chief Minister distributed Jeeps to all Labour Officers (SSS) on 16.05.2017.
- The Natural Death assistance in case of death for a registered manual worker has been enhanced from Rs.15,000/- to Rs.20,000/-.and Funeral Expenses from Rs.2,000/- to 5,000/-
- The Hon'ble Minister for Labour announced on 13.07.2017 to register all the Interstate Migrant Construction Workers in order to ensure the benefits of

Social Security schemes of Tamil Nadu Construction Workers Welfare Board through intensive registration drive at the construction work sites by using Tablet. In this regard to purchase of Tablets proposal submitted to Government on 13.10.2017 through Commissioner of Labour.

- To register more number of workers and avail welfare assistances by the Unorganised workers a short film on welfare board activities was produced and it was released by the Hon'ble Minister for Labour.

DIRECTORATE OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND HEALTH

REGISTRATION OF FACTORIES :

- During the above period 1,910 factories have been newly registered under the Factories Act benefitting 55,261 workers.

BUILDING AND OTHER CONSTRUCTION WORKERS ACT AND RULES:

- During the above period 741 establishments were newly registered under the Building and Other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment and condition of Service) Act. To create safety awareness among the construction workers, builders, promoters and contractors of building and other construction works 91 safety training classes were conducted in the construction sites benefitting 7,819 workers.

STATE SAFETY AWARDS AND UYARNTHA UZHAIPALAR VIRUDUGAL:

- The award distribution function for the State Safety awards and Uyartha Uzhaippalar Virudhugal for the year 2013 was conducted on 06.05.2017 in Chennai. During this function, 126 State Safety awards were presented to 77 factory managements and 94 workers were awarded with Uyarntha Uzhaipalar Virudugal by the Hon'ble Minster for Labour.

OWN OFFICE BUILDING TO ACCOMMODATE THE OFFICE OF DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND HEALTH AND OTHER SUBORDINATE OFFICES OF CHENNAI REGION :

- Own office building was constructed at a cost of Rs.8.95 crore to accommodate the office of the Director of Industrial Safety and Health and 16 other subordinate offices of Chennai region which were earlier functioning in rental buildings. The building was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 16.05.2017.

SAFETY AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS:

- Safety Propaganda committees at Chennai, Madurai and Coimbatore regions periodically visit Chemical Factories, Fireworks, Tanneries and Bleaching & Dyeing units to explain about the hazards in these industrial units by educating

the managements and workers about the safety precautions to be followed to avoid accidents. During the above period 53 Safety Awareness Campaigns have been conducted by these committees benefitting 2,022 workers.

SAFETY TRAINING:

- To educate the workers and managements on the importance of safety, training classes were conducted by the officials of this Directorate in factory premises. During the above period 355 training classes are conducted benefitting 20,751 workers.

FIREWORKS TRAINING CENTRE:

- As per the announcement made by former Hon'ble Chief Minister, Training Centre was started at Sivakasi in the year 2013 at an expenditure of Rs.2.61 crore, to create safety awareness among workers, supervisors and foremen of fireworks factories. During the above period, 4 batches have been given one month safety training benefitting 66 foremen. Also, 18 one day training programmes have been conducted during the above period benefitting 4,356 workers.

MOBILE TEAM:

- A Mobile Team headed by the Additional Director of Industrial Safety and Health was formed exclusively to make surprise inspection of the fireworks factories in and around Sivakasi in order to monitor their safe working conditions and to avoid accidents in fireworks factories. Besides creating safety awareness, this team has conducted 319 inspections during the above period.

ONLINE PORTAL EXCLUSIVELY FOR INDUSTRIAL ENTREPRENEURS:

- Online portal facility has been designed at an expenditure of Rs.1.81 crore and has been launched by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamilnadu on 04.03.2017.
- The following service delivery functions of the Directorate have been made online with e-payment facility. Issue of license, Approval of plans, Registration of establishment under Building and other Construction Workers Act, Registration & licensing under Contract Labour Act, Registration & licensing under Interstate Migrant Workmen Act and issue of pressure vessel testing certificates could be availed through this portal.
- All the approvals / licenses /Certificates will be issued online within 30 days with digital signature.

ONLINE MONITORING CENTRE:

- Government order has been released on 21.04.2017 in order to establish a monitoring centre at the office of the Director of Industrial Safety and Health for online monitoring of poisonous and toxic fumes released in the factories at a cost of Rs.29.75 lakh. Hardware installation and software development has been completed and it will be functional shortly.

LAPTOPS FOR BOCW OFFICIALS:

- Procurement of 30 Laptops for the officials of BOCW wing of this Directorate has been ordered in G.O dated 28.02.2017 and an amount of Rs.19.84 lakh has been allotted from the Tamilnadu Construction Workers Welfare Board. Tender has been finalised for the procurement of laptops.

SAFETY SHORTFILM, STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES AND PROTOTYPE PICTORIAL REPRESENTATIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION WORKERS:

- To create safety awareness among the construction workers by way of displaying safety shortfilm, standard operating procedures and prototype pictorial representations Government order has been issued on 28.02.2017 and an amount of Rs.15 lakh has been sanctioned by the Tamilnadu Construction Workers Welfare Board. Safety Shortfilm, standard operating procedures and prototype pictorial representations preparation work has been completed and will be released for the work safety of the building and other construction workers.

HAND–HELD MULTI GAS DETECTORS:

- To measure the concentration of poisonous gases released from the factories Government order has been issued on 25.10.2017 for the purchase of Hand-held Multigas Detectors for the use of the officials during factory inspections.

DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING

EMPLOYMENT WING

- Employment Offices are transformed to Career Guidance Centers and are focusing on giving proper guidance to the job seekers.
- A sum of Rs.1 Crore was sanctioned for Virtual Learning Centre, and implementation of the same is under process.

- To conduct Career Guidance Program and coaching classes for competitive exams in five Coaching cum Guidance Centers for SC/ST at Tirunelveli, Trichy, Coimbatore, Cuddalore and Vellore Rs.20.4 lakh has been sanctioned and classes are being held.
- The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 16.02.2017 when he was sworn in, ordered that Unemployment Assistance amount would be doubled on the same day. The amount spent is Rs.14.86 crore and the number of beneficiaries are 57,762.
- To help poor students of Government Arts & Science Colleges and Universities, to appear for competitive examination a sum of Rs. 50 lakh has been sanctioned to conduct coaching classes. In this year 24 free coaching classes for various competitive exams conducted by Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission/ Staff Selection Commission / Union Public Service Commission/Banking Services are being held and 1,327 students have enrolled and are attending these coaching classes.
- To assist job seekers who appear for various competitive exams, free coaching classes are being conducted in all 32 Employment Offices to prepare them for these competitive exams. The Government has allotted a sum of Rs.1 crore per year for conducting these classes efficiently. This year 143 Coaching classes were conducted for Competitive Examinations through District Employment Offices, in which 13,963 candidates benefitted and 356 candidates obtained Government placement.
- Through Employment Offices 5,802 were placed in Government Department and 20,778 job seekers were placed in Private Sector.
- Mega Job Fairs and Micro Job Fairs were organized by the Employment Offices for providing private employment to the job seekers. This year in all 257 Job Fairs for providing private placement were conducted in which 3,753 employers and 1,27,942 job seekers participated, out of which 23,229 job seekers have been placed in private sectors. Further 661 Differently Abled job seekers have also been placed in private sector.
- Every year first week of July has been declared as Career Awareness Week by this Government. This year in all Districts, Career Awareness Week was observed and special work such as Career Guidance Talks, Career Exhibitions, Distribution of Pamphlets, Group Discussions and Rallies were carried out to bring in career awareness.
- Special Cells were set up for Overseas Employment Registration Guidance and Skill Registration in all Employment Offices.
- Career booklets on "Career Guidance for Polytechnic College Students", and "Career Guidance for ITI Students" were published.

TRAINING WING

- Government have issued orders to introduce Bio-Metric Attendance system in 22 Government Industrial Training Institutes at a cost of Rs.7.70 lakh.
- Government has issued orders to introduce Trade Apprentices Fair to enable active participation of industries and the ITI pass outs at a cost of Rs. 10 lakh. Apprentices Fair has been conducted in Tirunelveli, Madurai, Salem, Trichy Government ITIs and in Vaniyambadi in Vellore District. In this, 3,620 youths have been enrolled as apprentices.
- The Principal post in Government ITIs with a seating capacity of more than 600 seats has been upgraded as Deputy Director at a cost Rs. 2.59 lakh.
- The Hon'ble Chief Minister has inaugurated new Workshop and Class room building for Fitter trade at a cost of Rs.32.68 lakh in Government ITI, Ulundurpet exclusively for Deaf & Dumb candidates.
- The Hon'ble Chief Minister has inaugurated new Workshop and Class room building for A/C Mechanic trade at a cost of Rs.38 lakh in Government ITI, Salem.
- The Hon'ble Chief Minister has inaugurated new Workshop and Class room building for Wireman trade at a cost of Rs.38 lakh in Government ITI, Metturdam.
- The Hon'ble Chief Minister has inaugurated new Workshop and Class room building for Wireman trade at a cost of Rs.38 lakh in Government ITI, Dharmapuri.
- The Hon'ble Chief Minister has inaugurated new Workshop and Class room building for Fitter trade at a cost of Rs.36 lakh in Government ITI, Nagercoil exclusively for Deaf & Dumb candidates.
- Government has issued orders to introduce Welding Simulator based training in 23 Government ITIs at a cost of Rs.258.98 lakh under TANII Scheme.
- The Hon'ble Chief Minister has inaugurated Government ITI and Hostel Building at a cost of Rs.287 lakh at Radhapuram, Tirunlveli District through video conference.
- The Hon'ble Chief Minister has inaugurated new Workshop and Class room building for Electrician trade at a cost of Rs.38 lakh in Government ITI, Thanjavur.
- Government have issued orders for setting up of Language cum Soft skill lab in 17 Government Industrial Training Institutes at a cost of Rs.517.96 lakh.
- Government has issued orders for starting of 12 new trades in existing 8 Government Industrial Training Institutes at a cost of Rs.1,067 lakh.
- Government has issued orders for creation of 26 Districts headquarters headed by an Assistant Director with all infrastructure facilities at a cost of Rs.115.85 lakh.
- Government has issued orders to introduce Open Skill Competition among ITI / Apprentices/ Polytechnics / Colleges/ universities / Other category of student at a

cost of Rs.40 lakh and this scheme is being implemented.

- Government has issued orders for starting of 3 new Government ITI at Vellore District - Vaniyambadi, Erode District–Gobichettipalayam and Thiruvarur District – Kottur.
- Government has issued orders to facilitate the trainees for six Scheduled Tribe ITIs viz., Anaicutti, Gudalur, Karumandurai, Kollihills, Jamunamarathur and Sankarapuram and ordered to start the Placement Cell at a cost of Rs.10 lakh.
- Government has issued orders to conduct refresher training to 100 instructors of Government ITIs and to increase the quality of training in latest technology at a cost of Rs. 5 lakh and training is being imparted.
- Government have issued orders to sponsor 25 trainees each in 8 engineering trades based on the marks obtained by the trainees in All India Trade Test to undergo Advanced Training Courses in Advanced Training Institute of Government of India at a cost of Rs 57.81 lakh.
- The Hon'ble Chief Minister on 22.11.2017 has inaugurated new Workshop and Class room buildings for Welder and Wireman trades at a cost of Rs.58.56 lakh in Government ITI, Nagalapuram.

OVERSEAS MANPOWER CORPORATION LTD

- 1,058 jobseeker were registered for seeking overseas placement.
- During the period, the corporation has deployed 538 registrants to various countries and 382 persons were placed for domestic employment.
- This corporation earned gross revenue of Rs.1.32 crore & a net profit of Rs.20.93 lakh for the financial year 2016-2017. It paid Rs. 4.5 lakh as dividend to Government for the financial year 2016-2017.
- Commenced the air and train ticketing services to cater the needs of Govt. Department.
- Commenced online registration services.

TAMIL NADU SKILL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

- The Hon'ble Chief Minister launched Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation web portal on 04.03.2017.
- During the past one year Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation has empanelled 236 Skill Training Providers for imparting skill training to unemployed youth.
- Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation Board approved various short term skill development programmes for the benefit of 48,620 youth at an estimated cost of Rs.9,401.91 lakh.
- During the past One year in Tamil Nadu 47,135 youth have been trained and 62,955 youths have been offered placements.
- Government issued Orders for setting up of Skill Assessment and Training centres along with training equipments for assessing the skill level and suggest suitable training to the job seekers and youth in

32 District Employment Offices at a cost of Rs. 87.40 lakh.

- Government issued Orders for Establishing Amma Two Wheeler Repair & Maintenance Centres to train 700 Candidates at a cost of Rs. 1.40 crore. So far 425 candidates have been trained in all Districts.
- Government issued Orders for Conducting State Level Skill Summit at a cost of Rs.40 lakh. So far 2,317 candidates participated in the Skill competition held at District level out of which 192 candidates have been selected to participate in the State level Skill competition.
- Government issued Orders for establishing skill training centres to train 3,600 Candidates at a cost of Rs.2.94 crore and to train 20,000 youth in Service Sector through Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation empanelled training providers. So far in all panchayat union 2,075 have been trained in service sector and 906 have been trained through skill training centres in urban areas.
- Government issued Orders for Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) for 1,00,000 workers at an estimated cost of Rs. 10 crore through Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation. So far 3,000 persons are skill assessed and certified.

SKILL TRAINING FOR GOVERNMENT ARTS & SCIENCE COLLEGES UNDER RUSA SCHEME

- 13,159 students in 19 Government autonomous Arts and Science colleges by empanelled training providers of TNSDC

DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND RURAL HEALTH SERVICES (ESI)

- To provide Medical Facilities to the Labours working in Tamil Nadu Government has announced to establish ESI Dispensaries at 1)Chidambaram, 2) Budalur, 3)Bhavani, 4) Aravakurichi, 5)Pappireddipatti, 6)Kallakurichi, 7)Nelliyalam, 8)Oddanchatram, 9)Coonoor, 10)Kilkundan . Government has issued orders to establish "two doctors" type ESI dispensary at 1)Chidambaram, 2)Budalur, 3)Bhavani, 4)Aravakurichi, 5)Pappireddipatti, 6)Kallakurichi, 7)Nelliyalam, and 8)Oddanchatram and "Three doctor" type ESI dispensary at 9)Coonoor and 10) Kilkundan.
- Senior State Medical Commissioner (ESIC) has requested to identify land and Building for housing the above mentioned Dispensaries. Only after identifying the Buildings for the above mentioned ESI Dispensaries, will be used for functioning after opening by Government.
- On function of the above ESI Dispensaries 31,699 labours (Insured persons) and their family members will be benefited.

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- A sum of Rs.5.25 lakh was sanctioned for 7 students of Dr. Ambedkar Government Law College, Chennai, in order to participate in the International Moot Court Competitions held in Hong Kong and Vienna during the month of March and April – 2017 at the rate of Rs.75,000/- each.
- A sum of Rs.10.92 lakh sanctioned to purchase furniture and wooden articles for the libraries in the Madurai, Tirunelveli and Chengalpattu Government Law Colleges.
- A sum of Rs.50 lakh was sanctioned towards the purchase of furniture to the newly constructed permanent building of the Government Law College, Vellore.
- A sum of Rs.3 lakh was sanctioned for 4 students of Tamil Nadu National Law School, Tiruchirappalli to participate in the International Moot Court Competitions held in Hong Kong and Vienna during the month of March and April – 2017 at the rate of Rs.75,000/- each.
- Sanction accorded to start 3 new Government Law Colleges at Villupuram, Dharmapuri and Ramanathapuram from the academic year 2017-2018; a sum of Rs.6.81 crore was sanctioned at the rate of Rs.2.27 crore each towards the recurring and non-recurring expenditure for the establishment of these 3 new Government Law Colleges.
- Sanction accorded to create 157 new full time Assistant Professor posts for the Government Law Colleges.
- Sanction accorded to start 5 year Law Course in the Government Law

College, Vellore from the academic year 2017-2018; for which orders were issued to sanction teaching and non-teaching posts, a sum of Rs.43.32 lakh towards recurring expenditure and a sum of Rs.2 lakh towards non-recurring expenditure for the purchase of Library books.

- A sum of Rs.6.33 crore was sanctioned towards land cost to Villupuram Municipality for getting transfer of 1.93.0 Hectare land in Salamedu Village, Villupuram Taluk in favour of Legal Education Department; administrative and financial sanction for a sum of Rs. 60.69 crore accorded for the construction of permanent building for the Govt. Law College, Villupuram in the said land.

- Administrative sanction for a sum of Rs.8.37 crore accorded towards the construction of new Auditorium and Library building for the Government Law College, Madurai and financial sanction accorded for a sum of Rs.4 crore in the year 2017-2018.

- A sum of Rs.19.50 lakh was sanctioned towards Inspection Fee and Application Fee for obtaining the approval of Bar Council of India for the Government Law Colleges at Villupuram, Dharmapuri and Ramanathapuram.

- Administrative and financial sanction for a sum of Rs.1.89 crore accorded towards the improvement of infrastructural

facilities in the Government Law College, Chengalpattu.

- A sum of Rs.14 lakh was sanctioned for the purchase of Law Books, Law Journals and Legal Databases for the Libraries of the 7 Government Law Colleges under the Legal Education Department for the academic year 2017-2018.

- Administrative and financial sanction for a sum of Rs.3.75 crore accorded for the construction of new Men's Hostel for the Government Law College, Vellore.

- Administrative and financial sanction for a sum of Rs.4.45 crore accorded for the construction of new Library building for the Government Law College, Chengalpattu.

- Administrative and financial sanction for a sum of Rs. 33.95 lakh accorded to carry out renovation works in the temporary building which was selected for the functioning as the Government Law College, Viluppuram.

- The State Law Commission, Tamil Nadu has been reconstituted by the Government on 15.06.2017 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Justice Thiru. Chokkalingam Nagappan, Retired Judge, Supreme Court of India to suggest modifications or amendments for the existing laws suitable to the present day situation. The tenure of the State Law Commission shall be for a period of three years from 19.06.2017 namely, the date of assumption of charge by the Chairman. In addition to the Chairman, Full-time Members, Part-time Members and Full-time Member Secretary were appointed to the reconstituted State Law Commission.

- Administrative and financial sanction for a sum of Rs. 11 lakh accorded to carry out renovation works in the temporary building for the Government Law College, Dharmapuri.

- Revised administrative sanction for a sum of Rs.57.41 crore i.e. Rs.23.74 lakh over and above the original administrative sanction amount of Rs.57.17 crore accorded for the construction work of the permanent building to the Government Law College, Kancheepuram.

- Revised administrative sanction for a sum of Rs.60.37 crore i.e. Rs.23.97 lakh over and above the original administrative sanction amount of Rs.60.13 crore accorded for the construction work of the permanent building to the Government Law College, Thiruvallur.

- From 2013-2014 Academic year, Tuition fee concession granted to the first generation graduate students of Tamil Nadu studying UG Law Degree in Tamil Nadu National Law School, Trichy for which a sum of Rs.29 lakh has been reimbursed.

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MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES DEPARTMENT

- Under NEEDS(New Entrepreneur-cum-Enterprise Development Scheme), from16.02.2017 to 30.11.2017, provisional sanction was accorded for 843 projects worth Rs.102.34 crore and subsidy was released for 605 projects worth Rs.82.06 crore after imparting training through EDII (Entrepreneurship Development & Innovation Institute). Similarly an amount of Rs.6.86 crore was released as 3% back ended interest subvention under the Scheme.

- The Unemployed Youth Employment Generation Programme (UYEGP) is being implemented since 2011. Under UYEGP a state funded programme to generate self employment, during the period from 16.02.2017 to 30.11.2017, a sum of Rs.2,479.59 lakh has been released as subsidy to 3,773 beneficiaries.

- Under the PMEGP (Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme) of Government of India which is being implemented through KVIC (Khadi and Village Industries Commission), as National Level Nodal agency and KVIB (Khadi and Village Industries Board) and DICs (District Industries Centre) as State level implementing agencies, a sum of Rs.4,339.11 lakh has been released as Margin Money to 1,786 beneficiaries.

- Various incentives in the form of subsidies are being extended to Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises by the Government of Tamil Nadu. Progress under each scheme is as follows:

- Capital Subsidy on Plant and Machinery for establishing any manufacturing unit or expanding / modernizing the existing

unit is provided by the Government of Tamil Nadu at 25% of the value of the Plant and Machinery subject to a ceiling of Rs.25 lakh. Between 16.2.2017 to 30.11.2017 an amount of Rs.13,572.14 lakh has been disbursed as subsidy to 1,826 units.

- An amount of Rs.338.04 lakh has been disbursed as LTPT (Low Tension Power Tariff) Subsidy to 423 units between 16.02.2017 to 30.12.2017.
- Generator subsidy was disbursed to 256 units from 16.02.2017 to 30.11.2017 amounting to Rs.360.07 lakh.
- VAT (Value Added Tax) Subsidy was extended to 327 units from 16.02.207 to 30.11.2017 amounting to Rs.517.24 lakh.
- Under Amma Skill Training and Employment Scheme meant to provide skilled human resource for the MSMEs in the State through 6 months on the job training during 2016-2017 a total of 20,150 employees belonging to 1,025 MSMEs have been imparted training. During the current year, till date 6,360 employees belonging to 209 MSMEs have enrolled in the training programmes organized by Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation.
- Between February 2017 to November 2017, a total of 2,05,564 units with an investment of Rs.24,234 crore and employing 13.31 lakh persons have filed UAM (Udyog Aadhar Memoradum).
- Government have issued Orders sanctioning a sum of Rs.50 lakh towards upgradation of Road and Infrastructure facilities at Electrical and Electronics Industrial Estate, Kalapatti, Coimbatore District.
- During 2017-2018 (upto 30.12.2017),out of 308 Industrial Co-operative Societies, 245 societies made profit with cumulative turnover of Rs. 693.62 crore and net profit of Rs.16.78 crore.
- With a view to fulfil the long time demand of Small Tea Growers of Nanjanad area of Nilgiris District, the Government had announced setting up of a new Industrial Co-operative Tea Factory at Nanjanad at a total project cost of Rs.5 crore with financial assistance from NABARD. Foundation stone for this factory was laid on 04.01.2014 and the factory was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 30.12.2017.
- During 2017-2018 (upto 30.12.2017), Sagoserve has achieved Sales turnover of Rs.312.08 crore and earned total net profit of Rs.241.56 lakh.
- During 2017-2018 (upto 30.11.2017), TAICO bank has mobilized deposit of Rs.998.45 crore and disbursed the loans and advances to the tune of Rs.485.54 crore. It has earned total net profit of Rs.4.82 crore.
- Under Market Development Assistance Scheme (MDA), a sum of Rs.116.45 lakh

has been sanctioned and Rs.58.23 lakh has been released by the Government as first installment to the coir societies as grant during 2017-2018 (upto 30.11.2017).

- Tamil Nadu Small Industries Development Corporation Limited (TANSIDCO) which is maintaining 105 Industrial Estates has proposed to take up product specific integrated MSME clusters at 4 locations namely, a textile cluster each in Kancheepuram and Karur District, a food products cluster in Dharmapuri and a seafood cluster in Ramanathapuram under the second phase of JICA assisted Tamil Nadu Investment Promotion Programme at a total estimated cost of Rs.88 crore.

- SIDCO jointly with MSME associations have proposed to setup Trade Facilitation Centres at Madurai, Salem and Tiruchirappalli, under PPP mode with the assistance of 50 per cent grant by the State Government subject to an overall ceiling of Rs.5 crore for each project.

- SIDCO has identified land to an extent of 2,813.67 acres under land bank scheme at 52 locations for forming new Industrial Estates out of which 417.79 acres at 7 locations are under various stages of formation of new industrial estates.

- A Single Window Portal to enable the MSMEs to file their applications online to get various clearances / permissions under Single Window for establishing their enterprises is under development. Similarly, as a part of Ease of doing Business and to ensure single point receipt of application for securing clearance to establish Enterprise and to provide effective grievance redressal mechanism Single Window Committee for MSME Sector and District and State Level have been constituted under Tamil Nadu Business Facilitation Act, 2017.

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> If the marginalised sections in society are to achieve economic growth and rise up on par with others, they should come up in education. Economic growth will reach the lower strata only through the spread of good education all over the State.
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> \- Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu
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> **Thiru. Edappadi K. Palaniswami**

GREATER CHENNAI CORPORATION

- Chennai Smart City Limited Company was incorporated on 15.07.2016 having 50:50 shareholding pattern of Government of Tamil Nadu and Greater Chennai Corporation.
- The Smart City solutions will be carried in 5 years period (2015-2020) with the contribution of Rs.500 crore of State & Central Government each.
- In Chennai Smart City Proposal, Thyagaraya Nagar has been selected for Area Based Proposal in which 40 components were proposed at a cost of Rs.877.93 crore and under Pan City 8 components were proposed at a cost of Rs.488.31 Crore. The tentative total cost of Chennai Smart City Proposal is Rs.1,366.24 crore.
- Under Smart City initiatives, Conversion of 1772 SVL to LED Lights at a cost of Rs.3.34 crore has been completed by this all the street lights in Area Based Development (ABD) Smart City – Thyagaraya Nagar have been completed.
- In the financial year 2016-2017 Construction of community center, gasifier, Health buildings, Night shelter, Office buildings, school buildings and zonal office i.e. 28 works of at an estimate cost of Rs.38.24 crore are completed.
- In the financial year 2016-2017, under Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban

Transformation (AMRUT) Scheme, 24 park works were proposed at an estimated cost of Rs.12.88 crore. Out of which, 23 park works are in progress. Remaining one park work, the estimate has been prepared and tender to be called.

- In 2017-2018 academic year 120 Top students were selected from Chennai Schools from 10th and 12th Std and they were given special training to score Higher marks in state level. The students are hostelized in Saidapet Boys and Shenoy Nagar, Chennai Higher Secondary Schools. (Spark Program for Gifted and Talented Students of Greater Corporation of Chennai).
- 2 sets of priceless uniforms were distributed for High and Higher Secondary School students studying in 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th Std.
- Special incentive cash award Rs.1,00,000 was awarded to 22 schools for their 100% result.
- 56 meritorious students who have scored Higher marks in 10th std Public Exam were taken to Educational trip to North India.
- 8 students were selected and will be taken to "Germany" Trip under 'Wings to fly' programme.
- This academic year public examination 10th std has secured 93.1% & 12th std has secured 88.7% in public Exam-2016-2017.
- Construction of 4 Nos Box culvert, Improvements and Maintenance of 5 Bridges in North, Centre & South Region at an estimate cost of Rs.4.87 crore.
- In addition, 4 Nos of Spillover works are in progress at a total estimated cost of Rs.121.66 crore, i.e., Construction of integrated ROB in lieu of existing LC No.2A at Ennore High Road and LC No.2B at Manali Road, at an estimated cost of Rs.117.47 crore which was announced by the Hon'ble Chief Minister Under Rule 110 of Assembly and 3 Nos. of Construction of Box culvert works at an estimated cost of Rs.4.19 crore.
- In the Financial 2017-18, 165 number of works for installation of street lamp posts & cable laying are being taken up at an estimated cost of Rs.14.77 crore. Out of which 54 number of work were completed at an estimated cost Rs.5.35 crore, 101 number of works at an estimated cost of Rs.8.71 crore is under progress & the remaining 10 works at an estimated cost of 0.71 crore is to be taken up.
- Under the Medical Services Department of Greater Chennai Corporation, in 15 Zones, 14 Urban Community Health Centers, 3 Emergency Obstetric Care Units, 2 Maternity centers and 139 Urban Primary Health Centers are functioning with all equipments and laboratory facilities, during the period from 16.02.2017 to till date as follows:-
- i) 53,93,788 Outpatients have been treated.
- ii) In Operation theatres - Deliveries and Sterilization Operations are done by using

the modern technology equipments like Disposable LSCS Delivery kits, Video Laparoscopy & Sono Mammogram. 9,851 deliveries have been conducted. 5,050 Normal Deliveries and 4,801 LSCS deliveries conducted.

- iii) 6,299 Sterilizations have been performed.
- iv) 32 Vasectomy have been performed.
- v) 878 Plain MTP have been performed.
- vi) As per National Immunization Schedule, all vaccines are given free of cost at Urban Health centers and during outreach sessions. Earlier, DPT and TT vaccines were given. Now Hepatitis-B, Pentavalent vaccines are administered at all Urban Health centers. B.C.G have been immunized to 9,542 childrens.
- vii) Pentavalent and OP vaccine have been immunized to 41,921 children.
- viii) Measles have been immunized to 679 children.
- ix) Measles Rubellah vaccine have been immunized to 47,559 children.
- x) Total number of IPV (Injectable Polio vaccine) have been immunized to 44,298 Children.
- xi) Rota Virus Vaccine introduced in the National Immunization Schedule and it is started from September'17. From September'17 to till date Rota Virus Vaccine have been immunized to 21,451 children.
- xii) Cervical cancer early detection screening is being done for women in Greater Chennai Hospitals. 31,444 women are screened.
- Under Marriage Fund scheme for the poor women a sum of Rs.25,000/- along with 4 gram Gold was given to those women who have completed tenth standard & Rs.50,000/- along with 4 gram Gold was given to those women who are degree holders. In this scheme, for the marriage

held on or after 23.05.2016 an amount of Rs.25,000/- and a gold coin of 8 gm for girls who have completed 10th standard and Rs.50,000/- along with 8 gram Gold coin for girls who have completed Degree or Diploma at the time of Marriage was given.

- For the period from 16.02.2017 to till date Rs.12,90,25,000/- + 12,132 gms for 3,033 beneficiaries. For the period from 16.02.2017 to till date Rs.7,28,25,000/- + 13,432 gms for 1,679 beneficiaries with 8 gm coin for those married on or after 23.05.2016.
- Under Dr. Muthulakshmi Reddy Maternity Benefit scheme, in Government Hospitals, a sum of Rs. 29,25,08,000/- has been given 28,611 delivery mothers.
- For the period from 16.02.2017 to till date, a sum of Rs.56,77,900/- under Janani Suraksha Yojana scheme has been given to 9,454 beneficiaries.
- Greater Chennai Corporation is improving the playing facilities for players to give them an international experience, thus as a startup we have laid out, outdoor tara-off-flex and flood lights in the football field present in Vyasarpadi, Mullai Nagar and also in Samandipoo Colony, Natural Grass turf has been laid for players to get a world – class experience. And Flood-lights have also been fixed and its available for practice even at night.
- 38 Nos. of bus route roads relaying works have been completed at the cost of Rs.23.93 crore under TURIF 2016-2017,
- 25 Nos. Modern Stainless Steel Bus Shelters have been completed under Built, Operation and Transfer Scheme (BOT) for public use.
- Around Egmore railway station 8 footpaths in bus route roads at the cost of Rs.14.31 crore designed based on the NMT Policy and the works are completed.
- Vardha Cyclone damaged works in roads, footpaths and bus shelters are rectified at the estimated cost of Rs.8.64 Crore completed.
- It was planned to establish 70 Shelters for Urban Homeless in Greater Chennai Corporation in which 47 (Including 10 special shelters) are being run successfully. Steps are being initiated to establish 23 further more Shelters for Urban Homeless (SUH) under National Urban Livelihood Mission (NULM).
- 13 special shelters were planned to construct in 7 government hospitals in which 10 SUH in RSRM (2 Nos), STANLEY (2 Nos), ICH (1 No), Rajiv Gandhi (1 No), KMC (2 Nos) and IOG (2 Nos) hospitals are constructed and functioning at present.
- Besides an SUH for transgender was established at Mcnichols Road, Zone-8
- First time in India in order to facilitate the public without any delay, birth and death registration in Corporation of Chennai are computerized and made available to public through internet at www.chennaicorporation.gov.in website at free of cost.

- It was declared free of cost to Bury and burn the bodies in Burial Grounds of Greater Chennai Corporation, for the use of general public.
- Nutritional support to the patients severely affected by tuberculosis was inaugurated on World TB Day (24 March, 2017). This programme is being run at Pulianthope and Thiruvanmiyur. 150 Beneficiaries are identified and Benefited under this scheme.
- Chennai was selected for Active Case Finding in Tamil Nadu by Central TB Division; two phase of Active Surveillance was done in Chennai.
- In the Month of May 2017, Active Case Surveillance was done at Tsunami Quarters, Ernavoor. RNTCP Staff participated in the 1st Phase and screened 18,018 Population, Out of which 414 symptomatic and 5 were found to be Positive. The 2nd Phase of Active Case Finding done in whole of Chennai, in July, August 2017 and Achieved 141 Positive out of 20,236 Symptomatic and the Population covered was 10,69,367.
- A new project "TB FREE CHENNAI" was inaugurated by The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 9th October of 2017.
- For rapid diagnosis of TB, 15 CBNAAT (Cartridge Based Nucleic Acid Amplification Test) are installed one per each zone. Under this project so for 370 samples have been tested. 230 patients have been diagnosed and put on treatment.
- Regular camps are being conducted to create awareness against Tuberculosis among public.
- To enhance defaulter retrieval and carry out active case surveillance, 44 two wheelers were provided to all the RNTCP supervisors on 22.11.2017.
- Ambassador Cards are distributed to 7 lakhs students to announce them as 'Ambassadors of health ' in control of diseases caused by mosquitoes.
- 2 Lakhs numbers of posters are fixed in respect of activities to be carried out for vector control diseases.
- A new diabetic care centre was established at CP Ramasamy Road zone 9 in collaboration with Lions Club and Greater Chennai Corporation on 07.09.2017.
- The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has made an announcement on 13.02.2016 to implement "Amma Kudineer Scheme" where by purified drinking water would be given to fulfill the desire of poor and deprived section of the society to get R.O treated water at no cost.
- In the year 2016, 20 plants were installed in the first phase at an estimated cost of Rs.2.34 crore. In second phase 30 plants were inaugurated on 04-03-2017 at an estimated cost of Rs 2.96 Crore. These plants are having production capacity of 2000 liters per hour which is expandable depending on the local demands.
- The quality of water is being tested in approved laboratories. By this scheme each family is benefited 20 liters of purified drinking water per day at no cost. In order to facilitate the consumer who desires to

avail the benefit under the scheme "Smart Card" were issued and the purified water is being issued. By this scheme so far for 50 plants (till 26.12.2017) 7.87 crores of litres of purified water were dispensed.

- Construction of Integrated Storm Water Drain Network in Chennai Corporation for Rs.4,034 Crores to relieve water stagnation during rainy season to avoid damages and impacts caused to the public due to flood. In first phase, Integrated Storm Water Drain Works in Adyar and Cooum Basin will be commenced in the current financial year at a cost of Rs. 1,101.43 crores.

- As far as Kovalam Basin is concerned, a German Development Bank, KfW has been identified as, funding agency to implement the project costing Rs. 1,243.15 crore to mitigate flood problem in consultant to entrust the work of revision of DPR in M1&M2 packages and the revised DPR is in final stage for M3. This project is being followed by the Department of Economic Affairs. 5 lakh people will be benefitted after completion of this project.

- As far as Kosasthalaiyar basin is concerned, funding agencies have to be identified to implement the project at a cost of Rs.1881.66 crore to mitigate flood problem in Thiruvottriyur, Manali and Madhavaram. Revision of the DPR in consultation with Tamil Nadu Urban Infrastructure Financial Services Limited (TNUIFSL) is under progress and it is in final stage of submitting the report. It has been sub divided this work in to six packages viz., KI to K6. More than 30 lakhs people will be benefitted after completion of this project.

- Under Rule No.110 the late Hon'ble Chief Minister announced the "Sustainable Water Security Mission" in Chennai City for an estimated cost of Rs.5 crore. CMWSSB is the nodal agency for implementation of Sustainable Water Security Mission.

- Under this mission various types of works such as construction of Campus Rain Water Harvesting (RWH), Grey Water Re-Cycling, Storm Water Harvesting, Restoration of temple tanks, Lakes and Ponds are taken up.

- In the ISWD Projects, RWH Structures such as Sunken Wells are being provided in the Parks, OSR Lands, Play grounds etc.,

- During the year 2016-2017, Consultant has submitted the DPR for the restoration of 15 Temple Tanks and estimates have been prepared for an amount of Rs.2.03 crore has been sent to TNUIFSL for funding. For restoration of 32 Lakhs/Ponds Consultant has submitted the final DPR and estimates have been prepared for an amount of Rs.13.65 crore. Out of this 32 Lakes/ Ponds 5 Lakes/Ponds has been taken up by CMWSSB for improvements. The other 27 Lakes/Ponds shall be taken up through Smart City fund after getting approval from Chennai Smart City Board. TNUIFSL is taking action for preparation of DPR for further 24 Lakes/Ponds.

- Desilting and removal of hyacinth has been taken up in 30 canals maintained by the Greater Chennai Corporation, by using modern equipments.
- For this purpose, one Amphibian Vehicle has been purchased from Finland at a cost of Rs.4.10 crores and used for removal of hyacinth and desilting from Captain Cotton Canal, North Buckingham Canal, Velachery Lake, Adyar River and Otteri Nullah and so far 4233 MT of Hyacinth and silt has been removed.
- Three Robotic Modern Excavators have been purchased from Germany, at a cost of Rs.19.65 crore and put into operation in Mambalam Canal, Nungambakkam Canal, MGR Canal, Trustpuram Canal, Kodungaiyur Canal, Vyasarpadi Canal, Ekagipuram Canal, Padikuppam Canal, Guindy Industrial Estate Canal for the removal of hyacinth and silt and so far 5,201 MT of silt and hyacinth has been removed.
- Construction of 2 Numbers of Biomethanation plant of 5 MT per day at a cost of Rs.1.8 crore in Perambur slaughter house at Pulianthope is under progress with BABA ATOMIC RESEARCH CENTRE (BARC) Technology.
- Construction of compound wall for Kodungaiyur dumping ground at an estimated cost of Rs.3.60 crore is under progress.
- Under SBM, 7,073 IHHL are proposed for Individual House holds without toilets, out of which about 5,655 IHHL are completed.
- Community toilets of 1,575 nos. are proposed under SBM, in first phase 981 seats have been completed.
- 200 wards of the Greater Chennai Corporation are published to be declared as open defecation free.
- About 150 nos. of Compost yard and Bio-Methanisation plants are effectively commissioned.
- Under SBM, further segregation shed, Decentrailsed compost facilities, Supersucker lorry, 17 nos. of sanitary napkins vending machines etc. are proposed and approved by the State level High Power Committee at a cost of Rs.10.33 crore and the above works are completed.
- Under SBM, Decentrailsed compost facilities, Source recovery centres, Procurement of 370 nos. of Tricycles, 599 nos of Compactor bins and 6,000 nos. of Tricycle bins are proposed for State level High Power Committee at a cost of Rs.10.61 crore.

Commissioner of Municipal Administration

- Tamil Nadu Urban Road Infrastructure Programme: An amount of Rs.228 crore has been sanctioned for restoring 477.404 km length of roads under Tamil Nadu Urban Road Infrastructure Programme (TURIP) for the year 2016-2017. In Phase I, out of 139 packages, works in 65 numbers of packages have been completed at an expenditure of Rs. 110.52 crore. In various Districts

to restore the road for the length of 477 km grant of Rs. 15,048.33 lakh as been provided

- Further, in second phase, additional fund of Rs.93.68 crore have been allotted for restoring 422.75 Km length of road in 119 packages of works. In this 9 packages have been completed at an expenditure of Rs.9.10 crore covering a length of 12.61 kms. In various districts to restore the road for the length of 423 K.m grant of Rs. 9,368 lakh as been provided.
- Under Infrastructure and O&M Gap Filling Fund for the year 2016-2017, an amount of Rs.133.74 crore has been sanctioned under Infra Gap and O&M Gap Filling Fund and all the works are under various stages of progress.
- Administrative sanction has been accorded for AMRUT 2015-2016 for Rs.2,112.74 crore. In Thanjavur Corporation Water supply project is under progress. In Coimbatore, Erode, Madurai, Tiruppur & Vellore Corporations and Ambur, Hosur, Nagercoil Municipalities received by the TWAD Board. 50% work completed.
- Administrative sanction has been accorded 6 Municipal Administration and Water Supply (WS2) Department, dated 30.01.2017 for water supply improvement scheme in Rajapalayam Municipality.
- An amount of Rs.63.67 crore has been approved for carrying out improvement work in 90 parks, 12 parks have been completed and works in other 78 parks are in progress.
- 4 water supply schemes, 6 underground sewerage schemes and park improvements in 24 towns under (AMRUT) Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation 2016-2017 have been taken up at an estimated cost of Rs.2,613.70 crore and sanctioned by the high-level apex committee.
- The Government of India launched Smart Cities Mission on 25.06.2015. The objective of the Smart Cities Mission is to create world class cities as per the aspirations and needs of the citizens.
- Based on the "City Challenge Competition", Chennai and Coimbatore Corporations were selected in the first year for 2015-2016 in Tamil Nadu. The special purpose vehicle has been formed and the project identification is under progress for implementation.
- In continuation in the 2nd year Madurai, Salem, Thanjavur and Vellore Corporations have been selected and the special purpose vehicle have been formed and the project identification is under progress for implementation.

Special Solid Waste Management (SWM)

- For the year 2016-2017 Solid Waste Management works have been taken up in 1 Corporation and 36 Municipalities at an estimated cost of Rs.116.16 crore and all the works are in various stages of progress.
- Under Swachh Bharat Mission for the year 2015-2016 & 2016-2017 2,00,617 Individual House hold Latrines (IHHL) and

2184 Community Toilets (CT) have been taken up from Central, State and ULBs' fund. Out of 2,00,617 IHHL units 1,65,789 IHHLs have so far been completed, 15,162 units are under progress and 19,666 to be commenced.

- Out of 2,184 seats in 215 Community Toilets (CT) 131 numbers are completed 18 are under progress.
- Shelter for Urban Homeless component: 141 Shelter units under NULM beginning 2014-2015 through three Project Sanctioning Committee meetings has been sanctioned. These include 23 Special Shelters announced under Rule 110 (2016-2017), 12 Special Shelters in other Districts as "Short Stay Home" and in Medical College and District Headquarters Hospitals. 5 New Shelters and 6 Refurbishment Shelters The 141 shelter units cover 6,605 Homeless for a total Projects Cost of Rs. 42.38 Crore in which 107 Shelters with 4842 inmates are already in operation. The Construction and refurbishment of 71 Shelters are completed and 34 Shelters are under various stages of progress.
- Under Integrated Housing Slum Development Programme (IHSDP) 94 projects covering 37,715 dwelling units were taken up at an estimated cost of Rs. 566.11 crore. So far 37,108 dwelling units have been completed and 607 dwelling units are under various stages of progress.

DIRECTORATE OF TOWN PANCHAYATS

- During the year 2017-2018, Administrative sanction accorded for 167 road works to a length of 268.28 Km at a cost of Rs. 130 Crore under NABARD Scheme and tender called on 19.01.2018
- During the year 2017-2018, Administrative sanction accorded for 77 Nos of various basic infrastructure facilities at an estimated cost of Rs. 130.96 crore under Capital Grant Fund and tender called on 10.01.2018
- During the year 2017-2018, Administrative sanction accorded for 101 Nos of various basic infrastructure facilities at an estimated cost of Rs. 57.62 crore under Operation and Maintenance Gap Filling Fund and tender called on 10.01.2018
- During the year 2017-2018 a sum of Rs. 77.25 crore has been allocated under TURIP for execution of 209 road works to a length of 279.54 kms. Tender received on 12.12.2017 and scrutiny to issue the work order
- During 2017-2018, a sum of Rs. 30.45 crore has been allotted for construction of 50753 units of IHHLS and a sum of Rs 20.51 crore has been allotted for construction of 2791 seats of Community Toilets.
- During the year 2017-18 as a 1st phase a sum of Rs.183.27 crore have been allocated under 14th Finance Commission grant to Town Panchayats.

- During the year 2017-2018, 18,781 beneficiaries belonging to Economically Weaker Sections have been identified in 128 Town Panchayats for construction of Concrete houses at an estimated cost of Rs.394.40 Crore under 'Housing for All (Urban) Mission' scheme
- 3 Park works have been taken up at a cost of Rs 0.41 crore under park improvement scheme.

CHENNAI METROPOLITAN WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD

- To implement the construction of 150 mld capacity Desalination Plant at Nemmeli with a project cost of Rs.1,259.38 crore, the KfW, Germany accorded approval and signed the loan agreement with GoI. 5 bids were received on 15.09.2017 for the plant and are under evaluation. For laying of pipe line, single tender was received on 25.05.2017 and is also under evaluation.
- During the meeting held on 28.11.2017, the EAC of MoEF and CC had recommended this 150 MLD desalination plant proposal for issuing CRZ clearance. Letter from MoEF&CC is awaited.
- To mitigate the water scarcity in Chennai City during this summer, 22 abandoned quarries were identified at Sikkarayapuram near Kundrathur as one of the measures in which around 3,000 ML of water were stored. The water samples were sent for Quality testing and after the positive test report, this water was pumped from the quarries to Chembarambakkam treatment plant at an estimated cost of Rs.13.63 crores. The work has been completed and 30 MLD of water was received from these quarries till October 2017.
- In order to meet out the water scarcity, it was proposed to treat and supply the available water from Porur Lake at the rate of 4 MLD. The work has been completed and 4 MLD of water was received from Porur Lake from 11.07.2017 to 04.11.2017. Now, a proposal is in progress for supply water from this lake to adjoining area (Karambakkam) at the rate of 4 MLD.
- The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamilnadu inaugurated the following water supply schemes for the public use on 21/11/2017 at an estimated cost of Rs.118.72 crore.
- 1) Injambakkam water supply scheme – Rs.22.30 crore
- 2) Nandambakkam water supply scheme - Rs. 6 crore
- 3) Laying of 1200mm dia M.S. transmission - Rs.90.42 crore
- main from the Poonamallee Bye-pass junction upto Tambaram
- By the implementation of the above schemes about 7.75 lakhs of people will be benefitted.

TAMIL NADU WATER SUPPLY AND DRAINAGE BOARD

- Combined Water Supply Scheme to 1,751 Rural habitations in Pudukkottai district and Vallam Town Panchayat in Thanjavur District has been completed at an estimated cost of Rs.315.70 crore to benefit a population of 6.35 lakh.

- Combined Water Supply Scheme to 1,766 rural habitations in Pudukottai District and 125 habitations in S.Pudur and Sakkottai Panchayat Unions of Sivagangai District has been completed at an estimated cost of Rs.301.50 crore to benefit a population of 5.54 Lakh.
- Combined Water Supply Scheme to 1,153 rural habitations and to Peravurani, Adhiramapattinam, Perumagalur Town Panchayats in Thanjavur District has been completed at an estimate cost of Rs.495.70 crore to benefit a population of 5.82 lakh.
- Combined Water Supply Scheme to Cuddalore Municipality, Bhuvanagiri, Parangipettai Town Panchayats and 812 Rural habitations in Cuddalore District (Phase-I) has been completed at an estimated cost of Rs.260.54 crore to benefit a population of 7.75 lakh and is now under trial run.
- Combined Water Supply Scheme to 100 Habitations in Koodankulam and 12 other Village Panchayats of Radhapuram and Valliyoor Unions situated around Koodankulam Nuclear Power plant in Tirunelveli District has been completed at an estimate cost of Rs.68.10 crore to benefit a population of 0.89 Lakh.
- Combined Water Supply Scheme to 158 Rural habitations of Gudimangalam and Udumalaipettai union in Tiruppur District has been completed at an estimated cost of Rs.54.14 crore to benefit a population of 1.35 Lakh.
- Combined Water Supply Scheme to 60 Quality affected and 59 way side habitations in Kattumannarkoil Union and Lalpettai Town Panchayat in Cuddalore District has been completed at an estimated cost of Rs.18.16 crore to benefit a population of 0.65 lakh.
- Stand-alone Water Supply Improvement Schemes to Arani, Cumbum, Palani Municipalities and Thirukazhunkundram, Pothanur Town Panchayats, at a overall cost of Rs.91.30 crore have been completed benefiting a overall population of 2.50 lakh.
- Underground sewerage schemes in Krishnagiri Municipality, omitted areas of Ariyalur and Perambalur Municipalities, and Septage Management in Karunkuzhi Town Panchayat have been completed at an overall estimate cost of Rs.55.18 Crore to benefit a population of 0.87 lakh
- To tackle the drought situation, 2,282 works have been taken up at war footing at an estimated cost of Rs.121.18 crore with State/Central assistance and an average quantity of 93 MLD of water is being supplied by source augmentation.
- After the devastating damage caused by Ockhi cyclone to the 12 CWSS in Kanniyakumari District and 25 CWSS in Tirunelveli District maintained by TWAD Board water supply was temporarily restored in three days at a cost of Rs 81.40 lakh.

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PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS DEPARTMENT

- The Anna Institute of Management has conducted 317 training programmes and trained 11,555 Government Staff.

- On the announcement of Hon'ble Minister for Fisheries, Personnel and Administrative Reforms a sum of Rs.1,53,00,000/- has been sanctioned to establish a new coaching centre for coaching the economically backward students to face the Competitive Examinations conducted by various recruitment agencies like SSC, RRB, IBPS, TNPSC Group-II and Group-IV at Theayagaraya College campus, Chennai – 21 and the coaching classes commenced on 04.01.2018.

- All India Civil Services Coaching classes are being conducted for 20 graduate students of fishermen community to enable them to participate in the Civil Service Preliminary Examination conducted by the Union Public Service Commission.

- All India Civil Services Coaching Centre has introduced 'Online application' facilities for admissions to Civil Services Preliminary Examination coaching from the year 2017, 16,266 candidates availed this facility.

- A sum of Rs. 5,66,000/- has been provided to purchase special equipment required by the differently abled candidates admitted in the All Indian Civil Services Coaching Centre.

- The strength of participants has been increased from 400 to 685 and a sum of

Rs.43,47,600/- also been sanctioned for the above said purpose to be basic training programmes conducted by the Civil Service Training Institute, Bhavanisager.

TAMIL NADU PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

- 5,451 candidates have been selected for the post of Group-IV Examinations for which the final results announced on 21.02.2017.
- 30 candidates have been selected for the post of Junior Scientific Officer for which the final results announced on 24.04.2017.
- 104 candidates have been selected for the post of Assistant Jailer for which the final results announced on 26.04.2017.
- 9 candidates have been selected for the post of District Educational Officer for which the final results announced on 27.04.2017.
- 11 candidates have been selected for the post of Assistant Director of Fisheries for which the final results announced on 22.05.2017.
- 1 candidate has been selected for the post of Executive Officer Grade-III in the Tamil Nadu HR &CE included in Group-VII service for which the final results announced on 02.06.2017.
- 171 candidates have been selected for the post of Block Health Statistician for which the final results announced on 14.06.2017.
- 74 candidates have been selected for the post of Group – I Services for which the final results announced on 11.09.2017.
- 16 candidates have been selected for the post of Sub-Inspector of Fisheries & Foreman (Marine) for which the final results announced on 27.09.2017.
- 11 candidates have been selected for the post Tester and Assistant Tester for which the final results announced on 26.10.2017.
- 12 candidates have been selected for the post of Assistant Director of Handloom and Textiles (Tamil Nadu Handloom and Textiles service) for which the final results announced on 09.11.2017.
- 6 candidates have been selected for the post of Jailer (Tamil Nadu Jail service) for which the final results announced on 09.11.2017.
- 03 candidates have been selected for the post of Social Case work Expert in Tamil Nadu Jail Service for which the final results announced on 22.11.2017.
- 03 candidates have been selected for the post of Assistant Works Manager in Government Press in the Tamil Nadu Stationery & Printing Service for which the final results announced on 28.11.2017.
- In total, 5,902 candidates have been selected for various recruitments.

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PLANNING DEVELOPMENT & SPECIAL INITIATIVES DEPARTMENT

Chennai Metro Rail Project

- While the entire elevated corridors under Phase-I of Chennai Metro Rail Project are under revenue operation, the passenger services in the first underground section from Koyambedu to Nehru Park (7.4 km) have been inaugurated by Hon'ble Chief Minister on 14.05.2017.
- The construction works relating to extension of Phase-I of Chennai Metro Rail Project from Washermanpet to Tiruvottriyur/ Wimco Nagar (9 km), which were inaugurated by former late Chief Minister on 23.07.2016, are now under full swing.
- The Detailed Project Report (DPR) for 3 Metro Rail Corridors covering a length of 107.55 Km under Phase-II of Chennai Metro Rail Project has been approved and recommended to Government of India for their approval, funding and for loan assistance from Japan International Co-operation Agency (JICA).
- The State Government has decided to extend one of the corridors recommended under Phase-II of Chennai Metro Rail Project, viz Corridor-4 to Poonamallee via Vadapalani and Porur. The work of preparation of Supplementary DPR has been entrusted to Chennai Metro Rail Limited.
- In order to reduce the traffic congestion in Coimbatore city, the Government has decided to implement the metro rail project, for which the work of preparation of Detailed Feasibility / Project Report has been entrusted to Chennai Metro Rail Limited.

Tamil Nadu Innovation Initiatives (TANII)

- The State Planning Commission in the second round of appraisal for 2017-2018 has recommended 39 projects worth of Rs.87.57 crore for 3 years under State Innovation Fund, of which the outlay forthe year 2017-2018 is Rs.80.64 crore. The recommended Innovative projects are covering the sectors like Agriculture and Allied, Environment and Forest, Education, Transport, Industries, Information Technology, Health, Youth Welfare & Sports Development, Social Welfare & NMP, Welfare of Differently-Abled etc.

State Balanced Growth Fund (SBGF)

- The State Planning Commission has approved 50 projects worth of Rs.45.72 crore,in which the SBGF contribution is Rs.44.93 crore. For Income Rs.0.60 crore, Poverty Rs.2.33 crore, Employment Rs.1.10 crore, Education Rs.2.31 crore and for Health Rs.38.59 crore have been sanctioned under State Balanced Growth Fund.

Tamil Nadu State Land Use Research Board

- For the year 2017-2018 under TNSLURB for research studies of Rs.79.99 lakh have been sanctioned under Grants in Aid and Rs.2.46 lakh under printing charges. Three research studies were taken up for the year 2017-2018 with a total amount of Rs.66.45 lakh. The new research studies taken up (i) Mapping of Special Area Development Programme areas for the implementation of the scheme (ii) Mapping of Wetlands in Tamil Nadu: criteria for Prioritization, Framework for Wetland Monitoring and Conservation. (iii) Transformative scenario planning for Chennai: study aims to highlight the interrelationships of water-land-use–waste nexus . To develop a variety of scenarios, to achieve integrated and coherent planning to support and guide public, private and community stakeholders for the sustainable and resilient future for Chennai.

Special Area Development Programme (SADP)

- The Government has established the State Level Technical Cell for the Hill Areas of TN (STCHA) at the State Level and hosted in the State Planning Commission under TNSLURB for administration and field implementation of SADP. Special Area Development Programme targets the hilly area of Tamil Nadu.
- In the Second State Level Empowered Committee meeting of SADP, 404 projects have been approved at a cost of Rs.75.615 crore, and works are being carried out by line Departments.

Evaluation and Applied Research Department

- The Central and State Governments are implementing various developmental programmes and schemes. In order to ensure the programmes and schemes implemented in the State has achieved the desired goal, the Evaluation and Applied

Research Department has been entrusted by the Government to take up evaluation studies to evaluate them systematically and to inform the Government for evidence based policy decision making and fine tuning the programme.

- The Department also brings out an annual publication of Tamil Nadu - An Economic Appraisal every year. One month Inductive Training Programme for Capacity Building to Research Assistants of this Department was given by the Anna Institute of Management. The department has also taken up initiative to electronic mode of data collection leading to paper less data collection by funding from Tamil Nadu Innovation Initiatives (TANII).

- The Evaluation report on Social Security Pension Schemes implemented in Kanniyakumari District to ensure genuinity of new beneficiaries, Evaluation report on Impact of uprooting of exotic weeds and replacing them by indigenous species under Hill Area Development Programme, Evaluation report on Horticultural schemes under Western Ghats Development Programme and Evaluation report on Welfare and Development of Children in Service Homes and Children Homes Run by Different Agencies have been submitted to Government.

- In addition the evaluation studies viz. 1) Free Distribution of Gold coin for Thirumangalyam scheme in Tamil Nadu 2) Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme 3) Water Conservation and Canopy Improvement Project and 4) Continuous and

Comprehensive Evaluation in Schools have been outsourced under the supervision of this department.

SPECIAL AREA DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

- The Special Area Development Programme has been launched by the Government of Tamil Nadu from the year 2015-2016. The Special Area Development Programme unit –I at Udhagamandalam covering four Districts of Nilgiris, Coimbatore, Tiruppur and Erode and Unit - 2 at State Planning Commission, Chennai covering six Districts viz., Madurai, Dindigul, Theni, Virudhunagar, Tirunelveli and Kanniyakumari. The details of achievements are furnished below.

Unit-I, Udhagamandalam

- An amount of Rs.14.50 crore has been allotted for the construction of Resource Centre for the Tribal Culture Building for upliftment of the tribes.
- To provide a required basic amenities and improvements of infrastructure facilities in Maoist and Naxal influenced areas an amount of Rs.544.613 lakh has been sanctioned and utilized. Further, an amount of Rs.300.100 lakh has been sanctioned to Maoist and Naxal influenced areas for basic amenities.
- Based on the announcement made by the Hon'ble Chief Minister during the inauguration of Flower Show 2017 at Udhagamandalam an amount of Rs.2 crore has been sanction to for the work of Modernization and Improvement of existing main bus stand at Udhagamandalam.
- An amount of Rs.5.49 crore has been sanctioned for the work of Installation of Diffuser Aeration System for Restoration of Ooty Lake.
- An amount of Rs.41.150 lakh has been allotted for the Renovation of Udhagamandalam Khadi Kraft (Emporium) and an amount of Rs.123.680 lakh and Rs.121.330 lakh has been sanctioned for Khadi and Village Industries Board in Tiruppur and Erode District respectively.
- For the establishment of medicinal plant nursery and the promotion of medicinal plant cultivation an amount of Rs.19.25 lakh has been sanctioned to the Professor & Head, Horticultural Research Station, TNAU, Udhagamandalam Further, an amount of Rs.2 crore has been sanctioned for the distribution of hybrid and high yielding vegetable seeds at 50% subsidy to small and marginal farmers of the Nilgiri District.
- A check dam is being constructed at Bynapuram Village in Thalavadi Block at an estimated cost of Rs.2 crore for the irrigation facilities to the farmers.
- An amount of Rs.53.900 lakh has been sanctioned for providing Solar Street lights and Solar Home lights in Tribal settlement areas at Anamalai Tiger Reserve, Coimbatore District.
- An amount of Rs.2.05 crore has been sanctioned for the laying of 6 lane synthetic athletic track in Udhagamandalam HADP stadium to improve the potential of regular athletic trainees.

- For the establishment of farmers training centre and veterinary lab at Thalavadi block an amount of Rs.50 lakh has been sanctioned.

Unit-II, State Planning Commission, Chennai.

- An amount of Rs. 2.82 crore and Rs.45.60 lakh have been sanctioned for the construction of Checkdam in Virudhunagar and Madurai Districts respectively for soil and water conservation measures and to create irrigation facilities to the farmers.
- An amount of Rs. 4.40 crore has been sanctioned for the uplift of SC and ST people living in the hilly areas of Dindigul District by providing New Houses, construction of School Building, New community Centre, formation and upgradation of roads and cement roads including electricity and water supply facilities wherever necessary.
- An amount of Rs.37.45 lakh has been allotted to GTR Tribal school at Melanai, Papanasam in Tirunelveli District for the construction of class rooms, toilet and providing Solar lights and water supply arrangements.
- An amount of Rs.50 lakh has been sanctioned for the construction of workshed sales outlet for pottery society for the uplift of Pottery workers in Tirunelveli District.
- New bore wells & Power pump facilities for the facilitation of drinking water in various Panchayats in Kalakad Block of Tirunelveli District have been approved at a cost of Rs.67.77 lakh and an amount of Rs.80 lakh has been sanctioned for Keelappavoor, Manimuthar, Achanputhur, and Thiruvenkadam Town Panchayats.
- An amount of Rs. 1.605 crore has been sanctioned to Forest Department for the construction of checkdam, removal of alien spices, biomass generation and energy conservation measures etc., to maintain the ecological balance of the forest area.

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FREEDOM FIGHTERS WELFARE

- Enhancement of Freedom Fighters Pension from Rs. 12,000/- to Rs. 13,000/- and family pension from Rs.6,000/- to Rs.6,500/-.
- Enhancement of Special Pension paid to the descendants of Veerapandia Kattabomman, Maruthupandiar Brothers, Muthuramalinga Vijaya Raghunatha Sethupathy and the descendant of V.O.Chidambaranar from Rs.6,000/- to Rs.6,500/-

PUBLIC (EX-SERVICEMEN) DEPARTMENT

- Appointment on compassionate grounds is provided to the dependents of Defense Personnel died/Killed while in service. During this period 13 Dependants were provided compassionate grounds appointment through special drive initiated by the Government.
- The Educational Scholarship has been enhanced from Rs.2,500/-to Rs.10,000/- to the children of Ex-Servicemen studying in Under/Post graduate level (Academic Courses)/ Educational Scholarship has also been enhanced from Rs. 14,000/- to Rs. 25,000/-, from Rs.11,500/- to Rs. 20,000/- and from Rs.2,500/- to Rs.10,000/- to all Technical Courses, Diploma Courses, Certificate Courses respectively.
- The monthly medical grants have been enhanced from Rs.1,500/- to Rs.3,000/- to Ex-Servicemen/ widows who are suffering from Blindness and Cancer from Rs. 1,500/- to Rs. 2,500/- who are suffering from Paraplegic, Tuberculosis and Disabled. The life time grant of Rs. 1,500/- has been enhanced to Rs. 3,000/- to mentally retarded children. Old age pension has been enhanced from Rs. 1,500/- to Rs. 2,500/-.

- Rs. 15 lakh has been sanctioned to conduct coaching classes to school students to prepare them to join the Sainik School / RIMC/NDA and to College students to prepare them to join Armed Forces as Officers.
- Orders have been issued for the sanction of Dual Family pension to those families of Ex-Servicemen who have been re-employed in civil (State Government Service) and earned a pension out of the re-employment in addition to Military Family Pension already drawn by them prior to 01.04.2003.
- During this period, 10,395 Ex-Servicemen and their dependants were granted various financial assistances to the tune of Rs.20,64,93,508/- from Tamil Nadu Ex-Services Personnel Benevolent Fund.
- 3,033 Ex-Servicemen and their dependants were granted various financial assistances to the tune of Rs.3,09,49,717/- from Amalgamated Fund.
- 63 dependants were given tailoring unit training at the cost of Rs. 10,23,250/-. 35 persons were given training for the UPSC exam at the cost of Rs.3,00,340/-.
- 693 Ex-Servicemen have been placed in various Government organizations during the reporting period.
- Group Personal Accident Insurance scheme implemented with the maximum risk coverage upto Rs. 3 lakh for all the contract personnel of Tamil Nadu Ex-Servicemen's Corporation Limited. During this period, 10 families were benefited under this scheme.
- Skill Development Training is being imparted in various fields for 134 Ex-Servicemen working in Tamil Nadu Ex-Servicemen's corporation limited.
- 8,900 Ex-Servicemen benefited with employment during this period though Tamil Nadu Ex-Servicemen's corporation limited.
- 17 families of Employees are benefitted under Employees Deposit Linked Insurance (EDLI) Scheme with the benefit ranged between Rs.5,000/- to Rs. 3,60,000/- at Employees Provident Fund Organization.

PUBLIC (REHABILITATION) DEPARTMENT

- Welfare schemes were extended to the 62,031 Sri Lankan Tamil refugees residing in 107 camps and 35,897 non-camp refugees in the State.
- Extension of welfare schemes to the Sri Lankan Tamil Refugees in the State.
- **Monthly Supply of Free Rice:** Free rice has been supplied to 19,229 refugee families residing in camps upto 20 kg of the total entitlement as per the norms:i.e Child below 8 years - 6 kg and others -12 kg per month, to each family per month.
- **Purchase of Ration Commodities:** All 19,229 refugee families in camps have been purchasing all other ration commodities including kerosene from the PDS shop as per the norms applicable for Indian citizens.
- **Girl Child Protection Scheme:** Under this scheme, for a family with only one female child, the Government will invest Rs. 50,000/- for 20 years and for a family with only two female children the Government

will invest Rs 25,000/- each in FD for 20 years. After assuming of the Chief Minister of the State, 238 refugees are availed benefits under this scheme.

- **Social Security Scheme:** Under this scheme Monthly pension at the rate of Rs.1,000/- have been paid to destitute widows, old aged, differently-abled, deserted wives and unmarried women. As of now, 7,931 refugees are availing the benefits under this scheme. In the old age pension scheme, totally 4,739 persons are benefited. The beneficiaries are from the following Districts
- Coimbatore District 267 persons, Cuddalore District 312 persons, Dharmapuri District 380 persons, Dindigul District 376 persons, Erode District 352 persons, Kanniyakumari District 90 persons, Karur District 83 persons, Krishnagiri District 135 persons, Madurai District 540 persons, Namakkal 423 District persons, Pudukkottai District 362 persons, Ramanathapuram District 54 persons, Salem District 168 persons, Tiruppur District 72 persons, Thiruvallur District 408 persons, Tiruvannamalai District 52 persons, Vellore District 576 persons, Villupuram District 87 persons and Virudhunagar District 2 persons were benefitted.
- In the destitute widows' scheme, totally 2,225 women are benefited.
- The beneficiaries are from the following Districts: Coimbatore District 55 women, Cuddalore District 80 women, Dharmapuri District 187 women, Dindigul District 153 women, Erode District 56 women, Kanniyakumari District 27 women, Karur District 70 women, Krishnagiri District 60 women, Madurai District 274 women, Namakkal District 168 women, Pudukkottai District 117 women, Ramanathapuram District 32 women, Salem District 94 women, Tiruppur District 39 women, Thiruvallur District 141 women, Tiruvannamalai District 15 women, Vellore District 552 women, Villupuram District 114 women, Virudhunagar District one woman.
- In the Social Security scheme, totally 528 differently-abled persons are benefited.
- The beneficiaries are from following Districts: Coimbatore District 38 persons, Cuddalore District 66 persons, Dharmapuri District 36 persons, Dindigul District 9 persons, Erode District 22 persons, Kanniyakumari District 7 persons, Karur District 6 persons, Krishnagiri District 12 persons, Madurai District 10 persons, Namakkal District 24 persons, Pudukkottai District 22 persons, Ramanathapuram District 4 persons, Salem District 16 persons, Tiruppur District 4 persons, Thiruvallur District 43 persons, Tiruvannamalai District 16 persons, Vellore District 164 persons, Villupuram District 29 persons.
- In the deserted wives scheme, totally 425 women are benefited. The beneficiaries are following Districts: Coimbatore District 4 women, Dharmapuri District 30 women, Erode District 72 women, Kanniyakumari District 6 women, Krishnagiri District 4 women, Madurai District 71 women, Namakkal District 24 women, Pudukkottai District 54 women, Tiruppur District 2 women, Thiruvallur District 139 women,

Tiruvannamalai District 6 women, Vellore District 13 women. In the Unmarried women scheme, totally 4 women are benefited.The beneficiaries are from Krishnagiri District one woman, Tiruvannamalai District 3 women.

- **Waiver of Tuition Fees for First Graduate Students:** Under this scheme tuition fees are waived for first graduation students admitted through single window system and pursuing engineering degree courses.

- **Merit Based Admission in UG and PG courses in Arts and Science Colleges:** Under this scheme refugee students are admitted in Arts and Science colleges for UG and PG courses on open quota based on their merit.

- **Hostel Facilities:** Five seats are created and reserved for the Sri Lankan Refugees in each of the hostels meant for SC, ST, BC, MBC and Minority students.(12,660 seats in 2,532 hostels) 58 students are admitted in these Hostels in overall Districts.

- **Monthly Cash Dole:** Monthly cash doles have been enhanced (previous dole in brackets) to Rs. 1,000/- (Rs. 400/-) for head of the family, Rs. 750/- (Rs. 288/-) for adults and Rs. 400/- (Rs. 180/-) for children below 12 years, for all the refugees living in camps.

- **Last Funeral Rites Expenses:** The funeral rites expenses are being paid at a rate of Rs. 5,000/-. 197 families have been benefited under this scheme in overall Districts.

- **Free Supply of Sewing Machines:** Under this scheme free sewing machines are supplied to poor refugee women, who have been trained in tailoring.

- **Educational Kits for School Students:** Under this scheme the refugee students studying in Government and Government aided school have received free laptops. Bicycle at no cost for Sri Lankan Tamil students studying in Government / Government aided schools. 276 refugee students benefited under this scheme in overall Districts.

- Special cash incentive, Footwear, Bags, Geometric Box and Cycle were given at no cost.

- **Merit Based Admission in Professional Courses Under Lateral Entry System:** Under this scheme refugee students are also admitted in lateral entry scheme in BE/BTech/MBA/ MCA/ MTech / MArch courses under open quota.

- **Dr.Muthulakshmi Reddy Maternity Financial Assistance Scheme:** Under this scheme cash enhancement from Rs.6,000/- to Rs. 12,000/-. Now financial assistance increased as 18,000/-. 562 women are benefited under this scheme.

- The beneficiaries are from following Districts: Cuddalore District 13 women, Dharmapuri District 24 women, Dindigul District 83 women, Erode District 32 women, Kanniyakumari District 2 women, Namakkal District 12 women, Pudukkottai District 10 women, Salem District 50 women, Sivagangai District 17 women, Tiruppur District 8 women, Tiruchirappalli District 4 women, Tiruvannamalai 3 District women, Vellore District 17 women, Villupuram District 6 women.

- **Moovalur Ramamirtham Ammaiyar Memorial Women Marriage Assistance**

Scheme: Under this scheme women with graduate/diploma qualification will get Rs. 50,000/- + 4gm gold and other women will get Rs.25,000/- + 4gm gold. After assuming of the Chief Minister of the State, 51 women are benefited under this scheme. At present 8gm of gold were given to the beneficiaries.

- The beneficiaries are from: Coimbatore District 34 women, Dharmapuri District 2 women, Erode District 4 women, Kanniyakumari District 4 women, Namakkal District one woman, Thiruvallur District 4 women, Vellore District one woman, Villupuram District one woman.
- **Chief Minister's Sri Lankan Refugees' Relief Fund:** The Chief Minister's Sri Lankan Refugees' Relief Fund for accidental deaths have already been enhanced from existing Rs. 15,000/- to Rs. 25,000/-. 6 have benefited under this scheme in overall Districts. The beneficiaries viz., Dindigul District one person, Pudukkottai District 2 persons and Tiruvannamalai District 3 persons are benefited.
- **Supply of Clothes:** Free clothing materials are supplied as per norms fixed to each of them every year, at free of cost through co-optex. Blankets are also given to them once in two years.
- **Scholarships to Refugee Students:** Under this scheme scholarships ranging from Rs. 850/- to Rs. 4,700/-, depending on the course, are paid per annum for refugee students.
- An amount of Rs. 5 lakh was sanctioned for taking Short film and also for issue of pamphlets to create awareness among the people going abroad for education/ employment purposes.
- The Government has intervened in the rescue and repatriation of 23 persons from West Africa (Senegal) who had gone for employment from Vellore District and stated to be tortured there without food and salary with the help of Indian Mission.
- An amount of Rs. 10,25,262 was sanctioned towards the refund of the expenses incurred by three Tamil families, Tmt. Susanna Chako George and family Rs. 3,28,692/-, Tmt. T.K. Pushpamary and family Rs. 3,49,860/- and Tmt. A.Jayanthi and family Rs.3,46,710/- who were affected due to the missile attack at Zawiya Hospital at Libya, and returned to India.
- An amount of Rs. 3,39,392/- was sanctioned for repatriation of 10 persons belong to Kancheepuram District who had gone for a pilgrimage and stranded in Jomson Town of Mustang District Nepal due to the inclement weather at Nepal.
- During the year 2017, arrangements were made for transportation of 72 mortal remains from foreign countries and handed over to the family members. Also 77 Non Resident Tamils and 5 medically invalid Non-Resident Tamils were repatriated. The medically invalid Non-Resident Tamils were admitted in the hospitals preferred by the family members.

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WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

Funds allocation in Revised B.E 2017-2018

- In the Budget Estimate 2017-2018, Rs.3,177.66 crore has been allotted for irrigation infrastructure development and rehabilitation of existing infrastructures.

- The Expenditure incurred as on 31.12.2017 is Rs.719.21 crore.

Kudimaramathu

- During 2016-2017, the Kudimaramath works have been launched by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 13.03.2017 and Administrative sanction has been accorded for 1,519 works at an amount of Rs.100 crore in 30 Districts of the State. 1,513 works have been completed. For the year 2017-2018, 2,065 works at an estimated cost of Rs.331.68 crore in 30 Districts would be taken up.

Tamil Nadu Irrigated Agriculture Modernisation Project (TNIAMP)

- As the follow-on project of the successfully completed IAMWARM Project, the Irrigated Agriculture Modernisation Project is proposed to be taken up in the remaining 66 sub-basins of the State covering 29 Districts to benefit an extent of 5.43 lakh hectare over a period of 7 years starting from 2018 with an outlay of Rs.3,008 crore and will be implemented by co-ordination of Water Resources Department and 7 Line Departments in 4 phases.

- In this Project, it is proposed to take up rehabilitation of 4,778 Tanks and 477 Anicuts, Artificial Recharge Wells in water spread area of tanks and Rehabilitation of supply channel and other sub-basins at an outlay of Rs.2,195 crore, by the Water Resources Department.

- Administrative Sanction has been accorded for an amount of Rs.787.19 crore for rehabilitation of 1,382 Tanks and 115 Anicuts and formation of 45 Artificial Recharge Wells in 23 sub-basins under Phase-1.

Enhancing the Storage Capacity of Tanks, Reservoirs and other water bodies through Free Supply of silted up Clay, Silt, Savudu & Gravel to the Farmers, Potters and Public

- This has paved way for permitting any person engaged in making of pots, public for bonafide domestic purpose and the farmers for agriculture purpose in the same Village or in the adjoining Villages of the tanks, channels and reservoirs (except Chennai, Kancheepuram and Tiruvallur Districts) in the State to take the clay, silt, savudu and gravel from the beds of tanks, channels and reservoirs at free of cost, after due Notification by the District Collector in the District Gazette and after obtaining permission from the District Administration.

- For agricultural purpose the quantity of silt and clay proposed to be supplied shall not exceed 75 cubic metre per acre (185 cubic metre per hectare) for wet lands and 90 cubic metre per acre (222 cubic metre per hectare) for dry lands, once in two years. The quantity of earth, savudu and gravel for domestic purposes shall not exceed 30 cubic metre. For pottery, the quantity of clay proposed to be supplied shall not exceed 60 cubic metre.

- The Hon'ble Chief Minister on 28.05.2017 graced his participation in the starting event of free supply of silted up clay, silt, savudu & gravel to the farmers, potters and public at Mettur Dam.

- In Water Resources Department, out of the 11,131 water bodies notified in the District Gazette as on 31.12.2017, for 4,337 water bodies silt has been removed and a quantum of 1,41,15,428 cubic metre silt has been provided to 95,420 beneficiaries comprising of farmers, potters and public.

Climate Change Adaptation Programme in Cauvery Delta with the loan assistance of Asian Development Bank (ADB)

- The Climate Change Adaptation Programme in Cauvery Delta is under implementation at a cost of Rs.1,560 crore, out of which the assistance of Asian Development Bank (ADB) is Rs.1,092 crore and the State Share is Rs.468 crore.

- As a first stage of this project, works in 6 rivers / drains viz. Harichandranathi, Adappar, Vellaiyar, Pandavaiyar, Valavanar Drain, Vedharanyam Canal and

13 pumping schemes of the part of Vennar system in Cauvery Delta are in progress at an estimated cost of Rs.960.66 crore.

Schemes under NABARD Loan Assistance

- Under NABARD Loan assistance of RIDF XXII, 66 works at an estimated cost of Rs.223.68 crore have been taken up.
- So far, 40 works at an estimated cost of Rs.24.07 crore have been completed, 16 works at an estimated cost of Rs. 95.25 crore are in progress and 10 works at an estimated cost of Rs.103.73 crore would be taken up shortly.

Dam Rehabilitation and Improvement Project (DRIP)

- Dam Rehabilitation and Improvement Project is under implementation in 69 WRD dams and 20 TANGEDCO dams of Tamil Nadu.
- The total cost of the project is Rs.745.49 crore, out of which the amount allotted to Water Resources Department is Rs.469.94 crore. Administrative Sanction has been accorded for 69 dams.
- So far, civil works have been completed in 53 dams. Further, rehabilitation works in 14 dams are in progress and work is to be commenced in 2 dams.

National Agriculture Development Programme (NADP)

- The Government have sanctioned Rs.21 crore for construction of infrastructures to improve water resources.
- Reconstruction of Regulator in Nagapattinam District, Construction of

Anaicuts in 2 Districts viz, Pudukkottai and Sivagangai, Construction of Check Dams in 4 Districts viz, Thanjavur, Tirunelveli, Tiruppur and Villupuram and Construction of a Diaphragm Wall in Vellore District are taken up for implementation.

Formation of New Reservoirs

- Formation of New Reservoir across Marudaiyar River near Kottarai Village in Alathur Taluk in Perambalur District and a new reservoir across Malattar River in Vellore District at an estimated cost of Rs.153.75 crore to benefit an ayacut of 8,437 acre are in Progress.

- Also formation of a new Reservoir at Kannankottai Village by merging the existing two tanks viz., Kannankottai Hissa Rajaneri tank and Thervaikandigai tank in Thiruvallur District for augmenting drinking water supply to Chennai City at an estimated cost of Rs.330 crore is in progress.

New Anaicuts

- Construction of Anaicut across Manimuthar River near Uthayachi Village to feed Kaikudi and its group of tanks in Devakottai Taluk of Sivagangai District at an estimated cost of Rs.10.60 crore under NABARD loan assistance was completed. By implementing this scheme, an extent of 1,501 acres will be benefited.

Rehabilitation of Tanks Under Repair, Renovation and Restoration (RRR) of water bodies Directly linked to agriculture under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY)

- Rehabilitation works in 104 tanks (Phase I & II) have been sanctioned at an estimate amount of Rs.54.32 crore in Ramanathapuram, Vellore and Sivagangai District. 103 works completed and 1 work is in progress.

- Rehabilitation works in 49 tanks (Phase –III), have been sanctioned at an estimate amount of Rs.23.42 crore in Tiruvannamalai, Vellore, Dharmapuri and Virudhunagar District. Works will commence soon.

Flood Mitigation works

- Rehabilitation and restoration of the flood

damaged Adyar River and its tributaries and Vegavathy River by widening, desilting and standardization of the river regime at an estimated cost of Rs.23.50 crore are in progress.

- Rehabilitaion of Vellapakkam Channel, Gadilam River, Visur Odai and Periyakattupalayam Odai and flood protection to Paasimuthan Odai, Thillaiamman Odai, Omakulam drain, Khan Sahib canal and Muthiahpillai surplus and improvements to Manavaikkal and Old Coleroon-5 flood mitigation works have been sanctioned at an estimated cost of Rs.140.01 crore under NABARD loan assistance in Cuddalore District and works are in Progress.

Coastal Protection Works

- Construction of series of 10 Nos. of Groynes at LS 15/200 km to 19/000 km from Ernavoorkuppam to Ennore in Madhavaram Taluk at an estimated cost of Rs.31.82 crore has been completed.
- Construction of Groynes at 5 places viz. Vembar, Veerapandiapattinam, Keelavaippar, Periyathalai and Kallamozhi in Thoothukudi District at an estimated cost of Rs.69.49 crore has been taken up.
- Out of this, 2 works have been completed and remaining works are in progress. In Kanniyakumari District, construction of Groyne at Mandaikaduputhur at an estimated cost of Rs.7.82 crore and Rehabilitation of RMS wall in Eraviputhenthurai village at an estimated cost of Rs.3 crore are in progress.

Desilting of water bodies

- The Water Resources Department is taking efforts to restore the storage capacity of Reservoir by desilting in order to achieve water supply for timely irrigation and Drinking water.

Desilting of Veeranam tank

- Desilting of Veeranam tank at Lalpettai in Kattumannarkoil Taluk of Cuddalore District at an estimated cost of Rs. 40 Crore to restore its designated capacity of 1,465 Mc.ft. are under implementation.
- Also, rehabilitation and increasing the carrying capacity of the Vadavar channel which brings the inflows into this tank are under implementation.
- This tank irrigates an ayacut of 44,856 acres and serves the drinking water requirement of the Chennai city.

Desilting of Parappalar Reservoir

- It is proposed to restore the capacity of Parappalar reservoir by taking up desilting works at an estimated cost of Rs.19.50 crore.
- As per the directions given by the Enviornmental, Forest and Climate change Directorate, the Detailed Project report has been prepared and are under consideration of the Forest Department.

Cauvery Modernization scheme under the National Project

- A Concept Paper on "Improvements and Rehabilitation of Irrigation Systems in Cauvery Basin for Efficient Irrigation Management" for an estimated amount of Rs.11,420 crore was sent to the Government of India for clearance.The Central Water Commission, Government of India has accorded in-principle clearance for the preparation of Detailed Project Report.

- As a first phase, the DPR for "ERM of Grand Anaicut Canal Sub-basin" at an estimated cost of Rs.2,298.75 crore has been approved by the Government of India on 30.09.2016. The Government of India have given investment clearance on 05.05.2017. The package wise detailed estimate have been prepared. It is proposed to seek Government of India assistance under Long Term Irrigation Fund.

- Detailed Project Reports (DPR) have been prepared for remaining 8 packages viz., Cauvery sub-basin, Vennar sub-basin, Lower Coleroon sub-basin, Lower Bhavani Project, Kattalai High Level canal Project, Noyyal Sub-Basin, Rajavoikkal Project and Ground water Recharge Scheme and are under scrutiny of the Department.

Sand sale

- The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has launched a website www.tnsand.in on 28.06.2017 and a mobile application tnsand with an aim to meet the requirements of end users and to ensure unhindered supply of sand.

- After the launch of mobile app and website, users have been allowed to book sand online from 01.07.2017 and online payment at the time of booking sand online has been enabled from 18.07.2017 onwards.

- 9,01,108 lorry loads of sand has been sold and a revenue of Rs.75.69 crore has been generated.

BUILDINGS

- Construction of Inspection Bungalow (2 Suit) at Srivilliputhur in Virudhunagar District at an estimated cost of Rs.50 lakh has been completed and Inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 08.03.2017.
- Construction of 25 Staff Quarters for Group "A & B" officers at Udhagamandalam in Nilgiris District at an estimated cost of Rs. 6.50 crore has been completed and Inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 18.03.2017
- Construction of Inspection Bungalow (2 Suit) at Illuppur in Pudukkottai District at an estimated cost of Rs. 72.20 lakh has been completed and Inaugurated by the Hon'ble Minister for Health and Family Welfare on 29.04.2017.
- Construction of 4 Nos. of Government Bungalows in Podhigai Campus at Greenways Road, Adyar, Chennai for accommodation of Hon'ble Ministers at an estimated cost of Rs.4.84 crore has been completed and Inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 08.05.2017.
- Design, Engineering, Supply, Erection, Testing, Commissioning and handing over of 400 Kwp ground moulded Grid moulded Grid connected Solar Photovoltaic Power Plant at Raj Bhavan, Chennai at an estimated cost of Rs.444.50 lakh has been completed.
- Construction of Compound Wall cum retaining wall to the PWD IB Campus at Tirupathur in Vellore District at an estimated cost of Rs.15.60 lakh has been completed
- Improvement works to Staff Toilets, Electrical Works, Flooring and Office Rooms at Head Quarters in the Public Works Department Building at Chepauk, Chennai at an estimated cost of Rs.76.95 lakh is in progress.
- Construction of Staff Training Institute Building at Circuit House Campus at Trichy in Trichy District at an estimated cost of Rs.3.02 crore is in progress.
- Construction of New A & B Type Quarters in Todhunter Nagar, Saidapet, Chennai-15 at an estimated cost of Rs.75.69 crore will be taken up.
- Construction of Additional Office Building near Government IB in PWD Campus Thovalai in Kanyakumari District at an estimated cost of Rs.85 lakh will be taken up.

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Amma Thittam

- As per the Orders of the Hon'ble Chief Minister the "AMMA THITTAM" is successfully implemented in all Revenue Villages.
- "Amma Thittam" camps are conducted on every Friday in one Revenue Village in every taluk.
- Totally 3,08,569 petitions were disposed out of 3,15,740 petition received in Amma Thittam.
- Medical camps (Cataract screening, Dental General Medical Check up and Veterinary) and other camps with regard to Prime Minister Fasal Beema Yojana, Aadhar Enrolment, Individual benefit schemes are focused during Amma Thittam camps in co-ordination with all Departments for the benefit of the villagers.
- At the District level, the Personal Assistant (General) to the Collector and at the State Level, the Director (Social Security Schemes) act as Co-ordinating Officers for Amma Thittam.
- This scheme ensures that all the Government welfare schemes reach the downtrodden and below poverty line people at their door steps.

Priceless Dhoti Saree Scheme

- During Pongal 2018, 1.56 crore Priceless Sarees and 1.56 crore Priceless Dhoties were distributed to the beneficiaries.

New Buildings for Offices and Quarters of Revenue Department

- A sum of Rs.81.15 crore sanctioned for the construction of the 31 Taluk office buildings and 31 Tahsildar Quarters.

- A sum of Rs.10.38 crore sanctioned for the construction of 5 Revenue Divisional office buildings at Egmore, Thondiarpet, Coimbatore(North),Melur & Sathur and 5 RDO Quarters.
- A sum of Rs.22.77 lakh sanctioned for the construction of Tahsildar Quarters at Kurinjipadi in Cuddalore District.
- A sum of Rs.4.69 crore sanctioned for the construction Two Taluk office buildings at Kumbakonam and Papanasam in Thanjavur District.
- A sum of Rs.2.40 crore sanctioned for the construction Taluk office building at Thoothukudi in Thoothukudi District.
- A sum of Rs.2.40 crore sanctioned for the construction Taluk office building at Srivaikundam in Thoothukudi District.
- A sum of Rs.2.40 crore sanctioned for the construction Taluk office building at Vedasanthur in Dindigul District.
- A sum of Rs.7.86 crore sanctioned for the construction of additional amenities to the newly formed Master Plan Complex at Tiruppur.
- A sum of Rs.2.35 crore sanctioned for the construction Taluk office building at Sirkali in Nagapattinam District.
- A sum of Rs.31 lakh sanctioned for the construction of RDO Quarters at Pattukottai in Thanjavur District.
- A sum of Rs.2.35 Crore sanctioned for the construction of New Taluk Office building at Coimbatore (South) Combined Taluk Office Master Plan Complex building including Sections viz Survey, Civil Supplies, Sub-Treasury, Town Settlement in Coimbatore District.
- A sum of Rs.14.60 crore was accorded as Administrative sanction for the construction of Additional Collectorate building in the Master Plan Complex at Namakkal in Namakkal District.
- A sum of Rs.41.06 crore was accorded as Administrative sanction for the construction of Additional Collectorate building in the Master Plan Complex at Erode in Erode District.
- A sum of Rs.20.98 crore was accorded as Administrative sanction for the construction of Additional Collectorate building in the Master Plan Complex at Madurai in Madurai District.

Social Security Schemes

- Under the guidance of Hon'ble Chief Minister, monthly pension of Rs.1,000/- was sanctioned to 1,22,057 new beneficiaries under Social Security Schemes.
- Under this scheme pension was disbursed through banks to 29,20,536 beneficiaries.

New Vehicles for Revenue Department

- During the financial year 2017-2018, vehicles were provided to the use of VIPs, in the District of Tiruppur, Thanjavur, Pudukkottai, Dindigul and Erode and vehicles to the District Collectors of Dindigul, Karur, Nagapattinam, Vellore

and Krishnagiri, District Revenue Officers of Kancheepuram, Tirunelveli, Karur and Perambalur, Tahsildar (Reception) of Tiruchirappalli District, Tahsildar of Lalgudi (Tiruchirapalli District), Madhuranthagam (Kancheepuram District), Ambur (Vellore District), Arani (Tiruvannamalai District) and Manamelkudi (Pudukkottai District) at the cost of Rs.2,17,80,708/-.

Certificates

- The certificates that are generally required by the students are being issued by the Revenue Department. The three certificates i.e Income,Community and Nativity certificates required by students for availing scholarships and admissions in Educational Institutions are now being provided in Schools.
- The certificates is being issued every year on the Month of January. By this scheme, last year Income, Community and Nativity certificates have been provided to 6th , 10th and 12th standard students through the concerned schools and achievement done by providing those certificates to 1,51,760 students.

Services under e-service centre

- In all District of this state e-Districts scheme has been implemented by the Revenue Department in collaboration with Information Technology Department and National Informatics Centre for rendering service to the people.
- Common Service Centres numbering 10,809 throughout the State facilitate submission of application for issue of 5 certificates (i.e Community, Income, Nativity, First Graduate, Deserted Women Certificate has been issued electronically. Additional 15 services has been provided to the public by the Revenue Department.
- So far, 67,22,912 certificates have been issued to the public by e-District.

Aadhaar Card

- To empower residents of India with a unique identity and a digital platform to authenticate anytime, anywhere, the NPR-BME work, i.e capturing of Photographs, Finger Prints and Iris images (Biometrics) of the residents (aged 5 years and above) has been taken up in a phased manner which is being coordinated by the Revenue Department. This work was executed by Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL), Bangalore upto 30.09.2016. As on 01.10.2016 ,this enumeration work has been taken over by Tamil Nadu e-Governance Agency. The Principal Secretary/ Commissioner of Revenue Administration is the State Co-ordinator for monitoring the progress at State level.
- Of the total 7.21 crore population of Tamil Nadu, considering the subsequent increase in population (As on 22.11.2017) So far 7,55,66,217 persons have been bio-metrically enumerated and 7,18,90,550 Aadhaar Cards have been issued. On completion of Bio-Metric Enrolment, Aadhar card have been issued to 99.64 % persons. Further, Bio-Metric Enrolment process for the age group 0-5 years is being

implemented by Tamil Nadu e-Governance Agency from 10.03.2017 onwards.

DISASTER MANAGEMENT

- Tamil Nadu Disaster Response Force (TNDRF) Battalion has been formed and a sum of Rs.15 crore allotted for Imparting Training and Procurement of Equipment. The works are under progress.
- In order to carry out rescue and relief operations in the event of disaster by the Line Departments, a sum of Rs.23 crore has been allotted for procurement of essential search, rescue and evacuation equipment. The works are under progress.
- In order to implement the project of Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Photogrammetric Mapping for Flood preparedness measures, a sum of Rs.7.01 crore has been allotted and Rs.1 crore released as 1st installment to Director, Centre for Aerospace Research, Madras Institute of Technology (MIT) Campus of Anna University.
- In order to supply of new communication equipment (Very High Frequency (VHF)) sets and maintenance of old communication equipment (Very High Frequency (VHF)) sets in all districts, a sum of Rs.81 1 akhs has been allotted. The works are under progress.

DROUGHT RELIEF

- Taking into consideration of the deficit rainfall during North-East Monsoon period 2016, the Government has ordered the following measures to combat the Drought situation in the State.
- An amount of Rs.2,247.07 crore was sanctioned towards input subsidy to the affected farmers whose crops were affected by more than 33% as per SDRF Norms and input subsidy was directly credited to the Bank account under DBT.
- An amount of Rs.26.91 crore was sanctioned under State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) to the Director of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services for taking necessary measures to ensure supply of Feed concentrate, Dry fodder and water to livestock.
- The Government sanctioned a sum of Rs.205 crore under State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) for undertaking water supply works by different organizations as noted below:-
- Rs.65 crore to Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board
- Rs.45 crore to Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board
- Rs.65 crore to Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department
- Rs.15 crore to Rural Development Department
- Rs.15 crore to Town Panchayats Department
- As a long term drought mitigation measure, Government have ordered for removal of Silt from the water bodies and distribute the silt to the farmers to apply in their

agricultural lands at free of cost and other domestic purposes.

- The Government additionally sanctioned to Dharmapuri District a sum of Rs.1.86 Crore from State Disaster Response Fund towards input subsidy to the affected Coconut crops due to drought 2016.

Training:-

- The Government have passed orders for releasing an amount of Rs.73,55,250/- for providing Disaster Preparedness Training to Revenue and Disaster Management Officials.
- The Government have passed orders for releasing an amount of Rs. 5 crore for training to various department official and community organization who involve in Disaster Response, Relief and Rehabilitation.
- The Government has passed orders for releasing an amount of Rs.22,70,000/- as 1st installment for imparting training for 200 Community volunteers (Aapda Mitra) in disaster response under "Aapda Mitra" Scheme.
- The Government has passed orders for releasing an amount of Rs.28 lakh for the formation of Emergency Operation Centres in Coastal and Hilly Divisions.
- The Government has passed orders for releasing an amount of Rs.193 crore for installation of V.C System at Head Quarters and all District Collectorate at all Districts.

LAND ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Online Patta Transfer

- In order to ensure delivery of patta transfer services directly to public, the Government has issued an order to implement Online Patta Transfer (OPT) system.
- As per the new procedure, people can go to their nearest Common Service Centre (C.S.C.) to apply for patta transfer service. Printed as well as sms acknowledgement is being issued to them immediately.
- Thereafter, patta transfer application is being processed in a work-flow based system by Taluk officials through online.
- The action taken on the patta transfer application is being sent to the applicant through sms. The applicant can get copies of Chitta and "A" Register through online "anytime anywhere" services through https://eservices.tn.gov.in website. Legal validity has been conferred to these documents with digital signature and QR (Quick Response) Code.
- This system has been implemented in 287 Taluks. This has ensured greater transparency and accountability towards people in delivering patta transfer services.
- Under this system,8,03,531 patta transfer orders have been issued.

Free House-site Patta

- The Government is granting free house-sites to the houseless poor. House-site assignment is given to eligible houseless

poor from the available land set apart for village sites under Revenue Standing Order 21. As per R.S.O. 21(6), Revenue Divisional Officer / District Collector are empowered to change the classification of various types of unobjectionable Government poramboke lands when the existing Village Site is not sufficient for the needs of these houseless poor persons.

- Assignable lands, except objectionable porambokes, such as water course, are assigned to the eligible houseless poor persons.
- Free house-sites are assigned to houseless people having an annual income below Rs.30,000/- in Rural areas and below Rs.50,000/- in Urban areas.
- House sites are assigned only in favour of the woman member of the family.
- As per the existing rules, three cents in Villages, one and half cents in Municipal areas and one cent in Corporation areas are assigned to each eligible household.
- Except in Chennai, 3,77,006 House-site pattas have been issued in the remaining 31 Districts.

LAND REFORMS DEPARTMENT

Chief Minister's Farmers Security Scheme, 2011

- The Chief Minister's Farmers Security Scheme is implemented throughout Tamil Nadu (except Chennai) with effect from 10.09.2011 for the welfare of the farmers who are agricultural labourers, cultivating tenants or owned dry land upto 5 acres or wet land upto 2.50 acres and engaged in direct cultivation. The scheme also benefits their families.
- Under the Scheme, the types of Assistance are – Education, Marriage, Monthly assistance to farmer member during his / her temporary incapacitation period due to TB, Cancer, HIV/AIDS and other terminal illness Dialysis, Upper Limb and Lower Limb related Fractures and Dislocations, Neurological problems, Spinal cord injury, Cardiac problems, Loss of Vision, Liver diseases, Kidney diseases, Acute Psychosis, Sickle Cell Anemia, Thalassemia, Haemophilia, etc., Old Age Pension, Accident relief, Assistance for Natural Death, Funeral Expenses and Grant to the Orphan Children of the deceased farmer member who died due to HIV.
- The Government has extended the benefit to the children even after the death of the farmer member, under the scheme.
- Under the scheme 1,51,10,270 persons have been enumerated as members and 1,30,74,865 persons have been enumerated as dependent members and totally 2,81,85,135 persons have been enumerated.
- Under this new Scheme, a sum of Rs.250.50 crore has been given to 3,70,954 beneficiaries.

Revenue Courts

- The disputes between cultivating tenants and landowners (including temple lands) are being settled by 10 Revenue Courts

in the State. So far 6,347 cases have been disposed while 4548 cases have been received. (Includes pending cases)

URBAN LAND CEILING DEPARTMENT

- A sum of Rs.671.52 lakh has been collected towards Urban Land Tax under Tamil Nadu Urban Land Tax Act.
- A sum of Rs.2,75,24,155/- has been ordered to collect by regularization of 49,574 Sq.mts. lands in 140 cases under Innocent Buyer scheme under Tamil Nadu Urban Land (Ceiling and Regulation) Act.

SURVEY AND SETTLEMENT DEPARTMENT

- Web-Based Online Patta Transfer System for Public welfare.
- In order to maintain land records online, web based software has been developed and land records of 288 taluks were brought online.
- Land Records of 6 Taluks were brought online, bringing the total number of online taluks to 286 out of 290 taluks.
- In this scheme SMS will be sent to the applicants regarding the receipt of application, dates of field inspection fixed by the VAO / Firka Surveyor and the approval of Patta/ rejection of applications by Tahsildar/ Deputy Tahsildar.

Computerization of Land Records

- In order to bring all the Land Records online, the digitization of land Records has been expedited. 100% Natham land Records and 100% Urban land Records have already been computerized and 98% of FMS have already been digitized. The online facility to download 43 Taluk Digitizd Field Measurement Sketches (FMS) on 04.01.2018. From 05.01.2018 to 24.01.2018 period, in additional 26 Taluk FMS have been brought online. During te above period, 4.2 lakh Digitized FMS and Urban land records of Coimbatore Corporation,Coimbatore South Taluk and Avadi Town, were brought online for public utilization. The remaining willbe completed shortly.

Filling Up of the Vacant Posts

- The vacancies of various posts were filled from 16.02.2017 to 30.11.2017 through TNPSC and Compassionate Ground as follows:

Traditional Survey Training and Modern Survey Training

- 1,601 officials of various Government Departments including the IAS officers were imparted training in traditional Survey Training and Modern Survey using GPS/ ETS during the last one year at Orathanadu Survey Training Centre.

Issuance of Joint Patta into Single Patta

- 13,082 pattas in Kancheepuram and 9,918 pattas in Virudhunagar districts have been issued to by splitting the Joint pattas into single pattas to public.

Survey in Municipalities using Modern survey Instruments

- 0.41 sq.kms of lands have been surveyed using modern survey equipments like GPS/ETS.
- Survey works are under progress for the following Municipalities: Kancheepuram - Pammal & Anangaputhur, Salem-Narasinghapuram, Theni - Gudalur, Tirunelveli - Ambasamuthram, Thoothukudi - Kayalpatinam, Viruthunagar - Thiruthangal, Ramanathapuram - Kilakarai, Perambalur - Perambalur, Dindugal - Ottanchatram, Villupuram - Kallakurichi Nagapattinam - Vedaranyam and Trichy- Thovakudi.

Pilot study of Modern Resurvey using DGPS and RTK Technology

- 4.68 sq kms lands have been Surveyed using modern survey equipments in the following extension areas of the Corporation; Vellore - Sathuvachari, Coimbatore - Kavundampalayam, Erode - Periya Semur, and Thiruvallur - Valasaravakkam

Land Record Management Centres

- In order to provide all the services to the public in Single Window System, Land Records Management Centres (LRMCs) are being created.
- Particularly in this period, 6 more LRMCs were opened to public utility. In total, 76 out of 78 LRMCs in phase I and II were created & opened to public utility.
- The remaining 2 LRMCs in Phase II, and 11 out of 76 LRMCs in Phase III wherever the construction work is over, the supply of IT products is in progress.

LRMCs in Sriperumpudhur Taluk at Kancheepuram District

Modern Survey Training for Surveyors

- In order to handle the modern survey equipments like Global Positioning System/ Electronics Total Station 259 officials have been imparted training at C-Star of Anna University, Chennai.

Refreshment Training at C-Star

- Computerization of Urban Land Records in Chennai District
- All the 3.76 lakh of Urban Land Records of Chennai District have been computerized and brought online. 7,986 pattas have so far been issued out of 13,155 applications received from the public.

Skoch Order – Of Merit

- Skoch order - of Merit has been awarded to the Department of Survey & Settlement for successful implementation of TAMILNILAM – The online system for Land Records.

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RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND PANCHAYAT RAJ DEPARTMENT

I- Directorate of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj

- Under Chief Minister's Solar Powered Green House Scheme (CMSPGHS) 40,000 houses are being constructed at a total cost of Rs.840 crore. Under Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana (Gramin) (PMAY-G) 1,76,338 houses are being constructed at an estimate cost of Rs.2,997.75 crore.

- Under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana II (2017-2018) 769 roads and 25 Bridges have been taken up for a length of 2,658.58 kms at a cost of Rs.1,244.35 crore.

- Under Tamil Nadu Rural Roads Improvement Scheme (TNRRIS) 2,568 roads for a length of 4,650 kms have been taken up for improvement at a cost of Rs.800 crore.

- Under TANII, (Tamil Nadu Innovation Initiatives) 5 Mobile testing Quality Control Laboratories have been estabilished in Nagapattinam, Madurai, Tirunelveli,

Erode and Tiruvallur Districts at a cost of Rs.2.35 crore to ensure the quality of works taken up by Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department under various schemes.

- Under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme 21.51 crore Mandays have been generated for which an amount of Rs.3,213.85 crore has been paid as wages.

- 20,000 Check Dams have been taken up for the construction under MGNREGS, out of which 545 Check Dams have been completed and balance works are in progress.

- Under Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin), so far, 8,676 Village Panchayats have been declared as Open Defecation Free (ODF) Panchayats.

- Solid Waste Management Activities in convergence with MGNREGS are being implemented in all the total 12,524 Village Panchayats in the State.

II. Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women

Social Mobilization & Institution Building:

- During the year Rs. 4,313.50 lakh has been released to 8,259 SHGs as CIF.

- During the year 8,575 new groups were formed from the left out poor women between 16.02.2017 and 30.11.2017.

Capacity Building:

- In Phase – III districts 2,480 VPRC's members were given Community Operation Manual training at a cost of Rs.490 lakh.

- 5,068 Bankers, Community Bank Coordinators & Office bearers of PLFs were trained on Financial Inclusion at a cost of Rs.33 lakh.

- All the Office bearers of 458 PLFs in NRLP Phase-I districts were trained in all trainings related to the PLFs and 845 VPRCs were trained on VPRC Book keeping at a cost of Rs.102 lakh.

- Administrative Sanction was given to 13,639 candidates for Skilling for Wage Employment Component under Project-LIFE for conducting Skilling for Wage Employment Component under Project-LIFE.

- To impart refresher training to all CBOs of TNSRLM during the year 2017-2018 and a sum of Rs.1,263 lakh was allotted.

Financial Inclusion:

- Credit linkages have been provided to the tune Rs. 5,759.86 crore to 1,86,756 SHGs and Bulk Loan for 41 PLFs .

- 8,416 SHGs have been provided Interest subvention of Rs.142.23 lakh.

Skill and Placement:

- The target youth from the rural area in the age group of 18 to 35 are identified and totally 1,864 candidates have been trained and placed at the rate of Rs.4.50 crores under the Deen Dayal Uphadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY).

Job Mela 2016-2017:

- Till date 161 melas have been organized at the rate of Rs.50 lakh and 11,145 candidates were given placement in various organizations.

Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Urban Livelihood Mission (DAY-NULM)

- In Urban Area, 3,739 New SHGs are formed.

- Revolving Fund (RF) amounting to Rs.1.39 crore was disbursed to 1,391 SHGs

- 188 Area Level and City Level Federations have been formed.

- 4,524 no. of Individuals are assisted under Self Employment Programme (SEP) and the amount assisted under SEP (Individual) is Rs.30.19 crore.

- 2,460 Self-Help Groups are assisted under Self-Employment Programme (SEP- G) and the amount assisted under SEP (Group) is Rs.71.80 crore.

- 2,651 SHGs are credit linked under SHG Bank Linkage Programme in Urban Area and the amount of credit linkage provided to them is Rs.29.60 crore.

- 3,816 Youths are trained under EST&P (Employment through Skill Training and Placement)

Livelihood:

Special Livelihood Scheme for Women headed Households

- 16,841 poor women of Women Headed Household were benefitted. 2,280

members were trained by Tamilnadu Skill Development Mission at an expenditure of Rs. 1.53 crore.

Non Farm Activity

- Till date 7,870 women are benefitted under the scheme and they are provided with Rs.7.87 crore as financial assistance.

Marketing:

- So far 2 State Level Exhibitions, 9 District Level Exhibitions, 69 College Bazaars were conducted, 2 SARAS one at Chennai and one at Vellore were conducted. Our SHG members also participated in the Aajeevika Mela and the SARAS conducted in 10 other States. Altogether Rs.479.29 lakh worth of SHG Products were sold out.

III- IFAD assisted Post Tsunami Sustainable Livelihoods Programme (PTSLP)

- 22,612 people have been enrolled under various insurance policies.
- 2,725 beneficiaries have been provided with soft loan of Rs.180 lakh under Vulnerability Reduction Fund scheme.
- 1,020 SHGs have availed Bank linkage to the tune of Rs.2,788 lakh covering 11,819 beneficiaries.
- 734 JLG livelihood proposals have been sanctioned and Rs.1,708 lakh was disbursed to develop micro enterprise activities covering 3,670 beneficiaries.
- Construction of 2 Fish Marketing Society office buildings have been completed at a cost of Rs.14 lakh.
- 3 PLF office buildings have been completed at a cost of Rs.28 lakh
- Construction of 16 Net mending sheds at a cost of Rs.131 lakh and 3 fish drying yards at a cost of Rs.17 lakh have been completed.
- To enhance fisheries resources, eight artificial reefs, two each in four project districts viz., Villupuram, Cuddalore, Nagapattinam and Kanniyakumari at a cost of Rs.148 lakh have been deployed.
- 277 JLGs formed with 1,380 members of head load fish vending women and collateral free loan of Rs.110 lakh have been disbursed.
- Fish marketing equipments have been supplied to 1,130 head load fish vending women at a cost of Rs.55 lakh.

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- Setting up of 412 training Centres to equip the students to take part in the competitive examinations at National level.
- Setting up of Hi-tech Labs in 3,090 Government High/ 2,939 Higher Secondary Schools at cost of Rs.437.78 crore.
- Setting up of Smart Classes in 3,000 Government Elementary and Middle Schools at a cost of Rs.60 crore.
- "Dream Teacher" Award to the teachers who perform well in student enrolment and school management.
- Students who excel in the fields of Science, Technology, Arts and Literature to be sent to foreign countries on educational tour.
- Schools, which function efficiently for the development of school and students, will be awarded with "Puthumaipalli" award.
- Results of Board Examination Results has been sent to the candidates via., SMS.
- Introduction of Board Examination for the first year of higher secondary students from 2017-2018 onwards.
- To ensure transparency and for the benefit of the children belonging to disadvantage group and weaker section, the process of applying for 25% admission was made online from the year 2017-2018 and 95,858 children were admitted under this category during this academic year.
- The revision of curriculum and syllabi is at an advanced stage with inputs from various boards including CBSE.
- Organisation of training to 16,450 Post Graduate Teachers in orientation with concept mapping, developing problem solving and critical thinking skills.

- Establishment of Training Centres for Competitive Examinations in the remaining unserved 24 District Central Libraries at a cost of Rs.72 lakh.
- Organisation of education loan camps through Nationalized Banks to enable the 12th Standard passed students to continue their higher education
- Selection of 2,357 Post Graduate Teachers/ 196 B.T. Assistants/ 59 B.T. Assistants (IEDSS) through Teachers Recruitment Board
- Appointment of 4,362 Laboratory Assistants.
- Sanction of Rs.2.89 crore to purchase 34 new vehicles to the Directorates of School Education, Elementary Education and Matriculation Schools.
- Provision of Computers with Internet facilities in the remaining 123 full time Branch Libraries at a cost of Rs.1.84 crore.
- Creation of Learning Management System for use in the Government Schools at a cost of Rs.2 crore.
- Permission for opening of Matriculation Schools, recognition and renewal of recognition to be done online with an expenditure of Rs.10 lakh and the procedures simplified.
- Sanction of Rs.5 crore to purchase new and technology based books for Anna Centenary Library.
- Introduction of mega students 'cultural festival' by organizing competition at school, union, educational district, revenue District and at State levels. An amount of Rs.4 crore has been allotted for this scheme
- Introduction of new Scheme for getting rare books, documents and palm leaf manuscripts from the public and private organizations and to preserve for use.
- Napkin cupboards and incinerators are being provided to Girls studying in 3,334 Government High and Higher Secondary Schools at a cost of Rs.11.88 crore.

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SOCIAL WELFARE AND NUTRITIOUS MEAL PROGRAMME DEPARTMENT

- 38,366 female children have been benefited at a cost of Rs.94.37 crore under Girl Child Protection Scheme.
- Under Cradle Baby Scheme, 112 babies have been rescued (Male-55, Female-57).
- 1,636 Child Marriages have been stopped.
- Under all Marriage Assistance Schemes, for the financial year 2017-2018, 89,267 eight grams (22 carat) gold coins, 4,895 four grams (22 carat) gold coins have been procured and distributed to all districts.
- Under Sathiyavanimuthu Ammaiyar Ninaivu Free Supply of Sewing Machines Scheme, 3,312 sewing machines have been procured and distributed to all Districts.
- A sum of Rs.4 lakh have been sanctioned for observing "World Elders Abuse Awareness Day" during 2017-2018 for the first time in Tamil Nadu.
- In order to create awareness of the various welfare measures/Acts mong public and to monitor the implementation of such Social Welfare Department's Schemes, orders have been issued with an entitlement, "Creation of Community Help Desk and Development of Multi-Dimensional Communicaton Tools" at a cost of Rs. 99.25 lakh to serve the above purpose.

- It has been ordered to supply Aluminium Pressure Cookers to 19,230 Noon Meal Programme Centres at a cost of Rs.4.81 crore and to supply new kitchen utensils worth Rs.5,000/- to each centre to 12,000 Noon Meal Programme Centres at a cost of Rs.6 crore.

- In order to safeguard the Anganwadi Children from mosquito bites, mosquito nets have been provided to all Anganwadi Centres in Salem and Namakkal District at the rate of Rs.300/- per mosquito net at a total cost of Rs.5 lakh per district on pilot basis. Further this scheme has been extended to the 50,144 Anganwadi Centres in the remaining 30 Districts at a total cost of Rs. 1.50 crore.

- Orders have been issued sanctioning of Rs.20 crore towards Integrated Child Development Services' State Government share in the total fund Rs. 70 crore required for construction of 1,000 New Anganwadi Centres in convergence with Government of India's Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme.

- The Government have ordered to increase the quantum of Supplementary Nutrition/ Complementary Weaning Food being provided to Integrated Child Development Services' beneficiaries namely Children, Pregnant Women and Lactating Mothers from 01.10.2017 onwards to fulfill nutritional norms mandated under National Food Security Act, 2013 and

Rs.63.26 crore have been sanctioned for providing the additional quantum of Supplementary Nutrition/Complementary Weaning Food for the period of October 2017 to March 2018. Number of beneficiaries 23,39,520.

- Orders have been issued to supply of Hygiene Kits containing Hand Towel, Comb, Nail Cutter and Soap to all Anganwadi Centres at a cost of Rs.132.83 lakh.
- Rs.1,00,000/- is being paid to retired Anganwadi Workers and Noon Meal Organisers and Rs.50,000/- to Anganwadi Helpers and Noon Meal Cooks and Cook Assistants with effect from 01.10.2017. The Anganwadi and Noon Meal Employees are being paid special pension of Rs.2,000/- after their retirement from 01.10.2017 onwards.
- Order have been issued for obtaining ISO Certificates in the fields of Construction, Equipments and Services (ISO 9001:2015) to the 128 Anganwadi Centres which were selected from 4 Centres each in every Districts as a Pilot basis and Iso Certificates have been obtained to these 128 Anganwadi Centres.
- Government have ordered for sanctioning of Rs.29,97,500/- for crafting the children in various Child Care Institutions functioning under Commissionerate of Social Defence as Constructive Citizens through "Playback Theatre".
- Government have issued orders for administrative sanction for demolishing the old building and construction of a new building with an area of 3825.29 s.q ft. at a total cost of Rs.9.46 core for Annai Sathiya Ammaiyar Children Homes for Girls in Salem.
- The Governemnt have issued orders giving award to the girl children below 18 years of age who worked for the welfare of girl child on National Girl Child Day i.e., 24th January every year. Current year (2017-2018), Hon'ble Chief Minister has given this award to Selvi. N. Nandhini of Tiruvannamalai District on 24.01.2018.

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> This Government is one that follows the footsteps of Hon'ble Amma; one that carries out the ideas of Amma; one that implements welfare schemes for people on the path of Amma; one that acts only for the welfare of the people. This is your Government; one that cares for your welfare.
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> - Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu
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> **Thiru. Edappadi K. Palaniswami**

SPECIAL PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION DEPARTMENT

Distribution of laptop computers to students at free of cost.

- Under the scheme of "Distribution of Laptop Computers to students at free of cost" being implemented by the Special Programme Implementation Department, in the current year, 5,11,074 Laptop Computers have been distributed to +2 students in schools, first year polytechnic college students of the academic year 2016-2017.

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The people should properly make use of the manifold welfare schemes implemented by the Tamil Nadu Government that follows in the footsteps of Puratchi Thalaivi Amma and work unitedly to create a prosperous Tamil Nadu so that the lives of the people of the State are enriched and their well-being is ensured.

- Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu

Thiru. Edappadi K. Palaniswami

TAMIL DEVELOPMENT AND INFORMATION DEPARTMENT

Tamil Development Department

- Thiruvalluvar Thirunal and awards giving ceremony of the Government of Tamil Nadu were celebrated on 16.01.2018 at Kalaivanar Arangam, Chennai in the presence of Hon'ble Chief Minister and Deputy Chief Minister. In this ceremony, Dr. G. Periannan was given Thiruvalluvar award, for the year 2018, Thiru. A. Subramanian was given Peraringar Anna award, Dr. T.R. Dinakaran was given Perunthalaivar Kamarajar award, Dr.S. Balasubramanian alias Bharathibalan was given Mahakavi Bharathiar award, Thiru. K. Jeevabharathi was given Paventhar Bharathidasan award, Thiru. V. Balakumaran was given Thiru. Vi. Ka. award, Dr.P. Marudhanayakam was given Ki. Aa. Pe. Viswanatham award for the year 2017. Government Orders were issued to 47 aged Tamil Scholars for monthly financial assistance of Rs. 2,500/- along with the medical allowance of Rs. 100/- throughout their lifetime.

- International Mother Tongue Day was celebrated at a cost of Rs.5 lakh on 21st day of February in a grand manner.

- Students who won in Poetry/ Essay/ Elocution Competitions in the District level were imparted training in different topics including Grammar and literary works by Tamil Literary Workshop for Youth from 21.02.2017 to 26.02.2017 for the year 2016-2017 and from 23.10.2017 to 29.10.2017 for the year 2017-2018. An amount of Rs.40 lakh was spent for this purpose.

- "Tamil Poet's Day" was celebrated in commemoration of Paventhar Bharathidasan's 125th birthday, with 125 poets on 28.03.2017 and 29.03.2017 for

the year 2016-2017 at a cost of Rs.5 lakh. Further, "Tamil Poet's Day" was celebrated on 29.04.2017 at a cost of Rs.3 lakh for the financial year 2017-2018.

- Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu distributed 52 awards to the Tamil Scholars which includes Tamil Semmal Award, Chief Minister's Tamil Computing Award for the year 2015 and Chithirai Tamil New Year Award, Amma literary Award, Best Translator Award for the year 2016 on 25.04.2017.
- 10,000 CD's of "Amma Mentamizh Word Processor" similar to the "Spell Checker" available in English language were purchased at a cost of Rs.30 lakh for the distribution of all Government Offices and were released by our Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 16.5.2017 and were supplied to all the Government Departments of Tamil Nadu.
- Orders have been issued to increase the monthly financial assistance from Rs.2000/-to Rs.2500/- for the aged Tamil scholars who have rendered yeomen service for the cause of Tamil . Further, Under this scheme ,the annual income limit for the beneficiaries have been increased from Rs.36,000/- to Rs.72,000/-.
- Orders have been issued to offer the financial assistance to the legal heirs of the Tamil scholars / Border saviours who were receiving the financial assistance, from the very next day of their demise.
- Orders have been issued to garland the statues of Kambar and Ilangovadigal in Chennai and also to pay floral tributes to the Memorials which were erected in memory of the Sangam Poets.
- New award in the name of Sinthanai Sirpi Singaaravelar has been created.
- An amount of Rs. 5.85 lakh had been allocated for the purchase of computers to the Tamil Development Directorate and subordinate offices.
- The annual allocation for conducting the Official language workshop, has been enhanced from Rs.30,000/- to Rs 50,000/-.
- Contingency expenditure of Rs.10,000/- has been enhanced as Rs.20,000/- for conducting Poetry, Essay, Elocution competitions in District level.
- Under the Scheme of disbursement of financial assistance for the publication of best Book, it has been ordered for the distribution of Rs.50,000/- ceiling amount by enhancing 60% book estimate amount as 100%.
- An amount of Rs.2,89,000 lakh has been sanctioned to set up Tamil Library in Tamil Department of Guwahati University and to purchase computers for learning Tamil language through computers on behalf of Government of Tamil Nadu.

Directorate of Tamil Etymological Dictionary Project.

- 50,000 copies of "Pure Tamil dictionary"

with colourful pictures named as "Nattramizh Arivom" has been printed and one book for each school has been distributed to all Government Primary Schools, through Elementary School Education Department, for the Students studying 1st standard to 5th standard.

- 5,000 copies of "Root Word book" has been printed and one book for each school has been distributed to all Government Higher Secondary Schools, through School Education Department, which would benefit for those who wish to create new glossary and for those who opt for Tamil language in the competitive examinations conducted by service commission.
- "Tamil Academy" has been established and functioning in order to create pure Tamil words equivalent to other language words and they are published in News papers and Medias on a daily basis.

- **International Institute of Tamil Studies**
- Thirukkural was translated into Korean language and published.
- 8 Research Books were published.
- "The History of Tamil Nadu, Dr. B. Eraiyarasan"- a book on English was published.
- Workshop-1, National Workshop-1, Endowment Lectures-15, Special Lectures-3, Seminar-1 and International Seminar-1 were conduced.
- Thirukkural Drawing Competition, Recitation of Thirukkural by 69 students, Publication of 69 rare books and a Poetic Forum with 69 Poets have been conducted during the Grand celebration of Mother Tamil -69, which was held on 24.02.2017 and 25.02.2017.
- A "Literary Workshop for Tamil Teachers in Malaysia" was held in this Institute on 22.04.2017 and 23.04.2017 jointly

conducted by The Centre for Information and Culture Reception of World Tamils and the Tamil Writers association of Malaysia.

- New Research Endowments were established in the names of Tamil Scholars like Manimozhiyanaar, Puthumaipithan and Avvai Duraiswamy.
- "World Heritage Day" was celebrated on 16.04.2017 with Special Programmes.
- On commemoration of the 1000th birthday of Sri Ramanujar, seminar on "Revolutionary Saint Ramanujar" was conducted on 17.04.2017.
- New books have been purchased at the cost of Rs.1.50 lakh for the Research Library of this Institute.
- National Workshop on 'Thirumanthiramum Siddha Maruththuvamum" was conducted by Thirumoolar Chair of International Institute of Tamil Studies and Renga Acupuncture & Yoga Social Educational Welfare Trust.
- World Siddhas Conference was conducted.
- International Institute of Tamil Studies Tholkappiyar Chair and Coimbatore Gowmaara Madalayam Jointly conducted Special seminar and Aruvakai Grammar Book written by Vannasarabam Thandapani Swamigal was released.
- Two days International Conference was conducted on the titles "Tamil Literature" and "Learn and teach" by International Institute of World Tamil Studies.
- In commemoration of 109th Birthday of Perarignar Anna, special lecture was conducted on behalf of Perarignar Anna Tamil Development Endowment. On this occasion, 'Annavum Thirukkuralum' a book Written by Doctor Anna Parimalam and "Reformation thoughts of Perarignar Anna" a book compiled by kanniyam A.ko. Kulothungan and Kavignar Thevanoor Ilamaran were published.
- World Translation day and in commemoration of the establishment of International institute of Tamil Studies, Establishment day were celebrated in International institute of Tamil studies.
- International institute of Tamil Studies conducted MGR Centenary special debate along with Chennai Doordarshan Kendra.
- 8 Students studied in Tamil language training class in the category of students whose mother tongue is not Tamil.
- An amount of Rs. 6 lakh grant has been sanctioned to International Institute of Tamil Studies for the Higher research field works.
- An amount of Rs. 9,94,479/- has been sanctioned for providing Infrastructure facilities to student's Hostel and for the procurement of cooking vessels in International Institute of Tamil Studies .
- An amount of Rs. 9 lakh grant has been sanctioned for the Exchange scheme of Tamil research students in International Institute of Tamil Studies .

- An amount of Rs. 6 lakh grant has been sanctioned for the procurement of Air condition Equipments in International Institute of Tamil Studies.
- An amount of Rs.3.20 lakh has been sanctioned for conducting Training Workshops in International Institute of Tamil Studies.
- An amount of Rs.4.80 lakh grant has been sanctioned to Doctoral research Students in International Institute of Tamil Studies.
- An amount of Rs.3,96,980/- has been sanctioned for the installation of Surveillance cameras in the Campus of International Institute of Tamil Studies .
- An amount of Rs.3.60 lakh grant has been sanctioned as financial assistance to Manuscripts Diploma Students of International Institute of Tamil Studies every year.
- An amount of Rs.3,39,624/- grant has been sanctioned for the purchase of computers that would benefit Academic, Administrative officers and research Students of International Institute of Tamil Studies .

World Tamil Sangam, Madurai

- A National Seminar was conducted on 24.02.2017 and 25.02.2017 on 'Ethical Literature in Dravidian Languages: A Comparative Study' in association with the Tamil Department of Dravidian University, Kuppam, Andhra Pradesh.
- International Mother Tongue Day was celebrated on 27.02.2017, in association with Tamil Kaappu Kazhagam, Madurai.
- Tamil Nila Poetic Fora were conducted on the titles, "Thamizh Engal Uyirukku Ner", "Themadura Thamizhosai" and "Bharathi… Thee".
- A total of 7 workshops were conducted on the topics such as 'Tamil Society in works of Foreign Tamils', 'Lifestyle of Australian Tribes and Migrated Tamils', 'Tamil Literature in Malaysia', 'Literary works of Migrated Tamils', 'History and Evolution of French Lexicography', 'Internet Tamil' and 'Literature of Estate Tamils'.
- Seminars were conducted on the topics such as Keezhadi excavation and further necessacities, Tamil Vaishnava text traditions, Kurnthogai-a multi dimensional view.
- An International Seminar was conducted on 31.03.2017 on 'Text Books of Foreign Tamils – An Analysis'.
- A workshop was conducted on 29.08.2017, in which Secondary School Malaysian Tamil students participated.
- A special Poetry Seminar was conducted on 17.09.2017 on the occasion of M.G.R. Centenary Celebrations.
- Announcement has been made to establish Tamil Cultural Heritage Museum in World Tamil Sangam, Madurai at an estimate of Rs. 50 crore, with a view of exhibiting the rich cultural heritage of the Tamils.

Tamil University

- The Hon'ble Former Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu announced a building grant of Rs. 15 crore in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly for the construction of two buildings in the shapes of 'Tha' and 'Na'. The construction has been completed and the buildings were inaugurated by the Honourable Chief Minister on 07.03.2017 and they have been brought in to the use of the Tamil University.
- An amount of Rs. 20 lakh has been sanctioned to impart training in Music and Dance, in association with the Academic and Art Training Institutes in countries where the migrated Tamils are living, by creating Tamil Cultural Centre in the Tamil University.

INFORMATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT

Memorials

- Manuneethi Chozhan Memorial constructed in Thiruvarur District at a cost of Rs.1.10 crore was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 07.03.2017.
- Government Order issued to construct Manimandappam at an estimated cost of Rs. 1.50 crore for Uzhavar Perunthalaivar Narayanasami Naidu at Kondayampalayam Village, in Coimbatore District.
- Government Order issued to construct a Ninaivu Mandappam at an estimated cost of Rs. 50.8/- crore for Puratchi thalaivi Selvi J Jayalalithaa at the place where she was laid to rest.
- A Manimandappam for Nadigar Thilagam Sivaji Ganesan was constructed in Adyar, at a cost of Rs.2.80 crore. It was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister on 01.10.2017.
- Subsequent to the announcement made to convert Vedha Nilayam, the house where Hon'ble former Chief Minister Selvi J Jayalalithaa resided into a Government Memorial, an Administrative sanction has been given to Chennai Collector to acquire the land situated at Poes Garden.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister announced on 22.11.2017 during MGR Centenary Celebration held at Thoothukudi that, a Manimandappam will be constructed for Dr. Pa. Sivanthi Adithanar at Thiruchendur, Thoothukudi. Subsequently action is being taken to identify a suitable site.
- A Memorial for Pattukottai Alagirisamy was constructed at a cost of Rs.85 lakh in Aavudaiyan Kulam, Pattukottai, Thanjavur. It was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 29.11.2017.
- A Memorial for Hyder Ali and Tippu Sultan was constructed at a cost of Rs.1.30 crore in Dindigul. It was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 31.12.2017.

Exhibitions

- Every year, Government Exhibitions are being conducted in 10 Districts. Government Exhibitions are being conducted at Madurai, Coimbatore, Tirunelveli, Salem, Tiruchirappalli and Vellore regularly every

year. Further, 4 Government Exhibitions are being conducted at other Districts, on rotation basis.

- The number of participating Departments has been increased to 27 in the Government Exhibitions, so as to propagate Government schemes and achievements done by various departments to the public. Further, the fund allotted to each participating Department has also been increased to Rs.70,000/-.
- Information and Public Relations Department is taking part in India International Trade Fair, New Delhi conducted by India Trade Promotion Organisation on behalf of Tamil Nadu Government. Conducive atmosphere prevailed in Tamil Nadu for new entrepreneurs and the various facilities offered to them are being publicized in this Fair to the visiting public.

Functions

- As a mark of Honour to Tamil Savants and Freedom Fighters, Government Order issued to celebrate Government Function and Garland the statues installed in 30 Manimandapams on their birth anniversaries every year.
- Government Order issued to celebrate the Birthday Function of Kodikaatha Kumaran as Government Function at Chennimalai, Erode District every year at a cost of Rs. 25,000/- and celebrated on 04.10.2017.
- Government Order issued to celebrate the Birthday Function of Poolithevan as Government Function at Nerkattumseval, Tirunelveli District every year at a cost of Rs. 25,000/- and celebrated on 01.09.2017.
- Inaugural Ceremony of Bharat Ratna Puratchi thalaivar Dr. MGR's Centenary Celebration was held at Madurai on 30.06.2017 and it was presided by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu. Subsequent to the inaugural function, the Centenary Celebrations were held in all Districts (except Chennai and Kanniyakumari Districts) upto 31.12.2017. In those functions Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated the completed projects and laid foundations for new projects and distributed prizes to the students who won in the various events and provided welfare assistants to the beneficiaries.

Film & Technology

- Government Order issued to enhance hiring charges from Rs.75 lakh to Rs. 1.50 crore towards hiring of equipments through outsourcing for production of Short Films every year for MGR Government Film and Television Institute Students.
- Government Order issued to enhance the subsidy to students from Rs. 15,000/- to Rs. 50,000/- for the production of short film at MGR Government Film and Television institute.
- Government Order issued for renovation of Tamil Nadu Films Divisions building located in the premises of MGR Government Film and Television institute at a cost of Rs. 55 lakh.
- A cheque amounting to Rs. 50 lakh handed over to the Director, Indo Cine Appreciation

Foundation for 15th Chennai International Film Festival.

- Government Order issued for creation of Subscriber Maintenance Software at a cost of Rs. 13 lakh for Tamil Arasu Magazine for storing the subscription details.

Stationery and Printing Department

- Construction of new building as a replacement to the fire damaged red building at an estimated cost of Rs.22 crore had been completed and it was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 23.05.2017.

- Plate Exposure Machine will be installed for preparing plates used for printing in the Government Branch press, Pudukottai, at a cost of Rs. 3,25,000/- for printing of forms related to Medical, Police, Registration, Fisheries, Adi-Dravidar Welfare Departments, Financial Code, District Gazettes and standardized forms for the use of various Government Departments.

- Mini Offset Machine and Hydraulic Trolley will be installed in the Government Branch press, Trichy at a cost of Rs. 8,27,000/- for printing of the District Gazettes of Ariyalur, Perambalur, Trichy and Karur Districts.

- Mini Offset Machine will be installed in the Government Branch press, Pudukottai at a cost of Rs. 8,00,000/- for printing of the District Gazettes of Chennai, Kancheepuram, Thiruvallur, Thiruvannamalai, Thanjavur, Pudukkottai, Nagapattinam and Thiruvarur Districts.

- Computer and Dot matrix Printer, will be installed in the Government Branch press, Madurai at a cost of Rs. 1,00,000/- for the purpose of preparing Salary bills in the web pay roll method through internet.

- In Government Branch Press Madurai and Salem numbering of the pages was done manually which caused delay in completion of the job. To avoid unwanted delay, Digital Numbering unit at a total cost of Rs. 33,00,000/- was purchased and installed in Government Branch Press, Madurai and Salem.

- Food Allowance has been enhanced from Rs. 200/- to Rs.400/- for 1,256 Technical Staff working in the Government Branch Presses.

- Stitching charges for a pair of overcoat (yearly once) has been enhanced from Rs.350/- to Rs.700/- for 449 Women Technical Staff working in the Government Branch Presses.

- Stitching charges for 4 pair (Once in Two years) has been enhanced from Rs. 800/- to Rs.1,200/- for 814 Men Technical Staff working in the Government Branch Presses.

- Web Offset machine was purchased and installed at a cost of Rs.1.35 crore for Government Branch Press at High Court Campus, Chennai-104. It was inaugurated by the Honourable Chief Justice and Hon'ble Chief Minister on 20.12.2017.

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TOURISM, CULTURE & RELIGIOUS ENDOWMENTS DEPARTMENT

- During 2017-2018, a sum of Rs.9.29 crore was sanctioned from State Government funds to meet the balance amount of second and final instalments due from Centrally Sponsored Scheme.

- The infrastructure facilities created by Tamil Nadu Tourism Department at Thavalagireeswarar Temple, Tiruvannamalai District, Margabandeeswarar Temple at Virinjipuram and Prasanna Venkatesa Perumal Temple at Thiruparkadal in Vellore District, Thirukkovilur at Villupuram District, Suyambulingaswamy Temple at Uvari in Tirunelveli District, Adisaya Manal Madha Church at Chokkan Kudiyiruppu in Thoothukudi District, Mangalanathar Temple at Uthirakosamangai and Naganathaswamy Temple at Nainarkoil in Ramanathapuram District and Nindranarayana Perumal Temple at Thiruthangal in Virudhunagar District were opened by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.

- One Tourist Officer has been promoted as Assistant Director of Tourism.

- 980 Foreign tourists who arrived by international cruises viz, M.V. Island Sky, M.V. Europa 2, M.V. Megellan were accorded Tamil traditional welcome at Chennai Port during March and April 2017.

- Participated in the Great India Travel Bazaar held at Jaipur.

- 10 Drivers of TTDC were awarded gold coin worth 4 gms. and certificate by the Hon'ble Chief Minister for accident free service by them for more than 20 years.
- A sum of Rs.15 lakh has been sanctioned for the Summer Festival conducted at Udhagamandalam.
- A sum of Rs.10 lakh has been sanctioned for the Summer Festival conducted at Kodaikanal.
- A sum of Rs. 5 lakh has been sanctioned for the Summer Festival conducted at Kanniyakumari.
- Participated in the Global Exhibition held at Noida, New Delhi and Rs.1.80 lakh was sanctioned for the same.
- Participated in the 20th Tourism Fair held at Kolkata and Rs.1.76 lakh was sanctioned for the same.
- For erection of Tourism pavilion at Government Exhibition, Coimbatore a sum of Rs.70,000/-was sanctioned.
- A sum of Rs.5 Lakh was sanctioned for the Kannagi Temple Festival conducted at Melakudalur Village of Uthamapalayam in Theni District.
- A sum of Rs.5 lakh has been sanctioned for the Madurai Chithirai Cultural Festival.
- As Raj Bhavan was opened up for public viewing by Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu and a few areas were selected for the same, two vehicles at an estimated cost of Rs.19 lakh were purchased and public are facilitated to visit Raj Bhavan by TTDC.
- Under Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat programme of Government of India, Food festival was organised at Jammu & Kashmir house, New Delhi in association with Tamil Nadu Tourism Development Corporation and Tamil Nadu House, New Delhi on August 20, 2017.
- Tamil Nadu Travel Mart was organised for the first time in Chennai during September, 2017 jointly with the Tamil Nadu Travel Mart Society. A sum of Rs.1 crore was sanctioned as sponsorship to the Society by Tourism Department.
- Participated in PATA Travel Mart held at Macao, China during September, 2017.
- Participated in JATA Travel Mart held at Tokyo, Japan during September, 2017.
- State level function of World Tourism Day was celebrated at Tiruchirappalli on 27th September, 2017. Rs.25 lakh was sanctioned for the purpose.
- Participated in Paryatan Parv festival organised by Ministry of Tourism, Government of India during October, 2017.
- Participated in World Travel Mart – Asia held at Singapore during October, 2017.
- Participated in World Travel Mart held at London during November, 2017.
- One Deputy Director has been promoted as Joint Director during November, 2017.

- A sum of Rs.60 lakh was sanctioned for provision of LED lights and electrical power source at A/m. Neelivaneswarar Temple, Thirupainjili, Tiruchirappalli District.
- Participated in International Hot Air Balloon festival held at Leon, Mexico during November, 2017 with an exclusive balloon for Tamil Nadu Tourism created by a private organizer (M/s. Media Box Innovations Pvt. Ltd., Chennai) and publicized the Tamil Nadu Tourism brand.

Tamil Nadu Tourism Development Corporation

- Provided protective coating to Thiruvalluvar statue and work has been carried out at Kanniyakumari at an estimated cost of Rs.87.73 lakh.
- Provided special maintenance works and painting of View Tower building at Kanniyakumari at an estimated cost of Rs.9.70 lakh.
- Replacement of defective Focus lamp fittings, UG cables & spares in fittings in Ayyan Thiruvalluvar statue rock at Kanniyakumari at an estimated cost of Rs.4.60 lakh.
- Replacement of old 13 Nos. defective AC units into new split model AC units in cottages & rooms at Hotel Tamil Nadu, Kanniyakumari at an estimated cost of Rs.4.60 lakh.
- The period of franchise for restaurant at Hotel Tamil Nadu – Madurai-I was expired and taken over by TTDC on 15.12.2017.
- Provided a 8 persons scenic lift at Hotel Tamil Nadu, Rameswaram at an estimated cost of Rs.20.48 lakh.
- Provided renewable energy type battery car at Hotel Tamil Nadu, Rameswaram at an estimated cost of Rs.4.72 lakh.
- Provided paver block road in front of the cottages at Hotel Tamil Nadu, Kodaikanal at an estimated cost of Rs.4.57 lakh.
- Renovation of conference hall at Hotel Tamil Nadu – Ooty at an estimated cost of Rs.5 lakh.
- Renovation of Kitchen at Boat House – Pykara at an estimated cost of Rs.13.50 lakh.
- Modernisation of Reception at Youth Hostel, Ooty at an estimated cost of Rs.4.20 lakh.
- Conversion of 2 dormitories into 4 family rooms at Youth Hostel, Ooty at an estimated cost of Rs.14 lakh.
- Improvement work and repainting of office building at Boat House, Ooty at an estimated cost of Rs.4.50 lakh.
- Construction of new building and Upgradation of existing building (blocks) institute of Hotel Management and Catering Technology at Thuvakudi, Trichy has been completed at a cost of Rs. 5 crore under rule of 110 Scheme announcements.
- Improvement of Muttukadu Boat House, Restaurant and Car parking area

works have been completed at a cost of Rs.3.83 crore in ADB fund.

- Improvement works at Tamil Nadu Tourism Development Corporation, Beach Resort Complex at Mamallapuram - construction of new conference hall, restaurant and landscaping work have been completed at a cost of Rs.2.44 crore in ADB fund.
- Improvement works at Mudaliyarkuppam Boat Jetty, new restaurant and water tank work have been completed at a cost of Rs.1.68 crore in ADB fund.
- A sum of Rs.7 crore has been sanctioned for the illumination of Temples viz., Kamatchi Amman Temple, Katchabeshwarar Temple, Varatharaja Perumal Temple, Ulagalandha Perumal Temple, Ekambareshwarar Temple, Jvarahareswarar Temple, Kailasanathar Temple, Kumarakottam Murugan Temple, Vaikundaperumal Temple in Kancheepuram under "Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive" (PRASAD) Scheme in Tamil Nadu.
- A sum of Rs.7 crore has been sanctioned for Development works, Footpath, toilets, Water tanks and lighting facilities at Bus Stand and surrounding Temples at Kancheepuram under "Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive" (PRASAD) Scheme in Tamil Nadu.
- A sum of Rs.4 crore has been sanctioned for Development works at Velankanni Church Foot path, toilets and Development of Mariamman Temple Tank, Compound Wall and lighting facilities under "Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive"(PRASAD) Scheme in Tamil Nadu.
- Providing 8 passengers capacity Gearless Scenic Front Glass Panel Lift to the newly constructed tourist home building at Hotel Tamil Nadu, Rameswaram work has been completed at a cost of Rs.19 lakh.
- A New Volvo Coach at a cost of Rs.108 lakh was purchased and put into Tirupathi Tour operation from 02.04.2017.
- Two 18 seater A/C coaches at a cost of Rs. 62 lakh were purchased and put into Tour operation with effect from 29.11.2017.
- Participated in the "9th Great Indian Travel Bazaar 2017" held at Jaipur, Rajasthan State by erection of stall at the cost of Rs.6.35 lakh.
- Participated in the event of "Tamil Nadu Travel Mart 2017" held at Mamallapuram.
- Erected adequate advertisement boards at the Domestic and International Terminals of Airport of Chennai to give wide publicity about the tour programmes and Tamil Nadu Hotels.
- Participated in the event of "The Hindu Discover India Travel Expo" conducted at the Trade Centre of Nandambakkam, Chennai.
- The revenue generated through on-line bookings is Rs.9.8 crore during the period from 16.02.2017 to 30.11.2017.

- Digital Media Marketing Campaign has been introduced in Social Media sites like Face-book, Twitter, Instagram and Youtube.
- Implementation of GST in all establishments under TTDC viz., Hotel Management System, On-line System, Tour Management System and Boat House Management System.
- On-line refunding system has been incorporated through On-line System, especially in respect of online registration cases.

HINDU RELIGIOUS & CHARITABLE ENDOWMENTS DEPARTMENT

- Annadhanam Scheme has been extended to 30 more temples.
- Renovation works at a cost of Rs.39.26 crore has been carried out in 655 temples and Kumbabishegam was performed in a grand manner.
- Oru Kala Pooja Scheme has been extended to 241 financially weak temples.
- Patta of lands to an extent of 1,269.68 acres belonging to 91 temples, wrongly transferred in the name of private individuals were identified and restored in the name of the respective temples during the period from 16.02.2017 to 30.11.2017.
- Elephant rejuvenation camp for temple elephants for the year 2016-2017 was conducted in a grand manner for 30 days. 31 Elephants belonging to Tamil Nadu Temples and 2 elephants from Puducherry Union territory participated in the above camp.
- Lands belonging to temples to an extent of 215.24 Acres, sites to an extent of 24 grounds and 2,284 sq.ft and buildings to an extent of 16 grounds and 1,396 sq.ft under encroachment were taken possession. The value of these is about Rs.167.23 crore.
- The Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated new buildings belonging to 54 temples at a total estimated cost of Rs.39.83 crore.
- For due performance of Poojas, pooja articles like Thambalam, Dhoopakal, Bell, Karthigai Vilakku and Hanging Vilakku at the cost of Rs.2.50 crore from surplus fund of financial affluent temples were given to 10,000 small temples by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 08.05.2017.
- The Millennium birth anniversary celebrations of Sri Ramanujar, was celebrated in a grand manner from 22.04.2017 to 02.05.2017 at Arulmighu Adhikesava Perumal and Bhashyakaraswamy temple, Sriperumbudur and all other Vaishnavite temples under the control of HR & CE Department throughout the State.

DEPARTMENT OF ARCHAEOLOGY

- During the year 2017, the "Entire Hillock of Andi Malai in Solavandipurm Village, Jain Sculptures, Beds and Inscription" at Solavandipuram Village, Tirukoilur Taluk,

Villupuram District declared as new protected monument of this Department..

- Training programme on the subject "Epigraphy and Archaeology" was conducted at Tarangambadi, Nagapattinam District at a estimate of Rs.5 lakh, 48 College lectures, Epigraphy and Archaeology Research scholars and enthusiasts participated.

- In 2016-2017, Short term two week course on "Heritage Conservation and Restoration of Monuments" for 75 Executive Officers of HR&CE Department in 25 officers in 3 batches for a tune of Rs.20 lakh was conducted. The first batch was from 28.08.2017 to 08.09.2017, second batch was from 11.09.2017 to 22.09.2017 and third batch was from 25.09.2017 to 09.10.2017.

- Executive Officers have direct interaction in maintaining the temple architecture and preservation of paintings during conservation and renovation of temple works. The above Training programme was very useful for the 75 Executive Officers to take up temple conservation and renovation as per the Archaeological norms.

- Large scale Excavation was conducted from 09.05.2017 to 28.09.2017 at Alagankulam, Ramanathapuram District to reveal ancient political, social, cultural and trade contacts of Tamil Nadu for tune of Rs.55 lakh. In this connection 53 trenches were laid down. In the course of Excavation potteries such as

Roman rouletted potsherds, wine jar sherds, carnelian beads were recovered. Besides this, potterys with embossed figures and Sangam period antiquities were collected. This Excavation reveals the political and trade contact between South India and countries around Mediterranean sea.

- World Heritage week was celebrated from November 19 to November 25, 2017. In this connection, visitors were allowed at free of cost in these days in Tirumalai Nayakkar Palace at Madurai, Ramalinga Vilasam at Ramanathapuram, Thanjavur Palace, Manora at Sarabendrarajapattinam in Thanjavur District, Tarangampadi Fort at Nagapattinam District. Nearly 22,915 visitors were benefited.

- In collaboration with Archaeological Survey of India, the State Department of Archaeology organized World Heritage Week celebration in premise of Thanjavur Big Temple between 19.11.2017 and 25.11.2017. Bharatha Natiyam, Village folk dances and traditional Martial Art were organized. School students were imparted knowledge on significance of temple and conservation works in Ramanathapuram, Tarangambadi, Gangaikonda Cholapuram, Tirukkovilur, Coimbatore, Tirunelveli and Karur during World Heritage Week celebration. World Heritage Week awareness programme on preservation and conservation of Archaeological Monuments was organized in Government school by the Arcot site Museum officials. Also Photo exhibition and painting competition was conducted and distributed prizes in the Government and private school.

- Conducted monthly lectures in various topics such as Hero Stones, The importance of Archaeological Exploration, Traditional Architecture and Sculpture–A glance, Cultural Heritage of Naatukottai Nagarathar, Archaeology and History of Velir, Art and Architecture of Vijayanagara period–A glance, Traditional Sculptures, Contribution of Sculptors in the history of Temple, Traditional Art (Kalari and Varmam)–An Introduction. Scholars, Researchers, History college students, Professors and the public participated in the above lectures.

- So far, 267 inscription found in the temples and mountains were copied in Sivagangai District, Tiruvalluvar District, Thoothukudi District, Thanjavur District, Vellore District and Tiruvannamalai District.

- During exploration in Palar river bed Terracotta ring well belonging to 14th Century CE was collected from the Esayanour Village, Arcot Taluk, Vellore District. On the outer side of Terracotta ring fish figure in embossed form is depicted. This is displayed in the Arcot Museum for the visitors.

- Two broken pieces of Sarcophagus leg and black-red utensil were collected from Adichanur Village, Tirukovilur Taluk, Villupuram District. Datable to 2nd Century CE, these antiquities are exhibited in Tirukovilur Museum.

- During exploration in Vandavasi Fort (Tiruvannamalai District), protected monument of this department, 17th Century CE 10 Stone Cannon Balls were collected and displayed in Tirukovilur Museum.

- In 2017-2018 the Archaeological Survey of India has given permission to Tamil Nadu State Department of Archaeology for conducting extensive Archaeological Excavation at Keeladi, Sivagangai District. Works will be started soon.

DEPARTMENT OF MUSEUMS

- The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu inaugurated the revamped Government Museum in the refurbished Stone House, Udagamandalam in a Government Function held at Coimbatore on 18.03.2017.

- Installation of Security System and Fire Alarm System for all the 20 District Museums and Fire Alarm System for Chennai Museum was entrusted to M/s. ELCOT to the tune of Rs.120 lakh as per Hon'ble Chief Minister's announcement under Rule 110 of 2016-2017. The installation of gadgets being executed currently and expected to be completed by the end of January 2018.

- Upgradation of Amaravati Gallery, Bronze Gallery and Zoology Gallery was completed in March 2017 as per Hon'ble Minister's announcement by utilizing the funds sanctioned, to the tune of Rs.80 lakh for the year 2016-2017.

- For the year 2017-2018 Rs.80 lakh has been announced as per Hon'ble Minister's announcement for re-organising an

independent gallery on Adichanallur antiquities, Extension of Galleries of the Government Museum, Vellore, Contemporary Art Gallery, upgrading the existing printing press at Government Museum, Chennai apart from providing required computer its peripherals and the work is being carried out.

- Under CSR activity of "Bank of Tokyo" Rs.50 lakh has been received to provide comprehensive water supply management system by constructing over head tank with a sump of 50,000 litres each along with suitable supply line connectivity.
- The Erection of showcase arrangements in the Visual Storage Block has been initiated and completed to the tune of Rs.37 lakh including the display arrangements of Numismatics and Philately collections.
- The Government Museum, Chennai campus and the District Museums that are having own building at the District of Tiruchirapalli, Pudukottai and Tirunelveli have been facelifted by utilizing the Priority Fund allocation of Rs.60.50 lakh through Public Works Department.
- The land mark building at the Chennai Museum campus – the National Art Gallery – a building of Indo sarasanic architecture is being repaired and being restored by utilizing the fund allocated to the tune of Rs.11 crore through the Public Works Department.
- Construction of Audio visual Room, installation of Lift and ramp facilities in 3 Buildings are nearing completion under Government of India scheme for Rs.387.50 lakh.
- In this year, 674 grams of gold ornaments, 389 Gold South Indian panams and 792 other Coins, 58 icons and pooja utensils were received as treasure trove objects and added to the collection.
- 72 unique Vaishnavite Bronzes from reserve collection, displayed at the Vaishnavite Bronze Gallery. 27 paintings and metal ware objects added in the display of the Gallery of Contemporary Art.
- Display re-organised in the newly illuminated showcases of Bronze Gallery and Gallery of Contemporary Art, Government Museum, Chennai.
- Uploading of 65 e-publication along with existing 180 e-publication (24,000 pages) of the Department of Museums at the State Data Centre has been executed through M/s.ELCOT utilizing the fund allocation of Rs.5 lakh through TANII.
- Number of educational activities such as Endowment Lectures, Workshops, Special Exhibition, Monthly Lectures, Weekly Special Exhibits and Internship training Programme for College Students have been organized at the Government Museum, Chennai and in 20 District Museums.

DEPARTMENT OF ART AND CULTURE

- State Level Art Competitions have been Conducted in the art fields of Vocal Music, Bharathanattiyam, Folk dance and Drawing

among the winners of District level ¬¬Art Competitions during the month of May 2017.

- Margazhi Isai Vizha has been celebrated by the Department of Art and Culture in Chennai at a cost of Rs. 8 lakh
- A sum of Rs. 139 lakh has been sanctioned as Non recurring expenditure for the construction of 7 feet height stone Compound Wall in the east side of the Government college of Architecture and sculpture, Mamallapuram.
- A sum of Rs. 115.93 lakh has been sanctioned as non-recurring expenditure for the construction of Hostel and two worksheds for the benefits of the students studying in the Government college of Architecture and sculpture, Mamallapuram.
- Under the scheme of Financial Assistance to Indigent Artistes, a sum of Rs. 60 lakh has been sanctioned for providing financial assistance to additional 500 indigent artists during the financial year 2017-2018.
- A sum of Rs. 30 lakh has been sanctioned as non recurring expenditure for conduct of Literature, Music, Drama, Dance and Folk Art Festival.
- A sum of Rs. 9 lakh has been sanctioned as recurring expenditure for enhancing the allotted amount of Rs. 1 lakh to Rs. 10 lakh under the scheme of Encouragement of young talented artist
- A sum of Rs. 8 lakh has been sanctioned for conduct of in-Service training to the music teachers of 17 District Government Music Schools by eminent artistes and first phase of training has been conducted.
- A sum of Rs. 17 lakh has been sanctioned as non recurring expenditure for setting up of audio–video library in 17 District Government Music Schools and action is being taken.
- A sum of Rs. 23.12 lakh has been sanctioned as non recurring expenditure for providing lift facility in the Directorate of Art and Culture.
- A sum of Rs. 20 lakh has been sanctioned as non-recurring expenditure for the Upgradation of Website of Department of Art and Culture and Tamil Nadu Folk Artiste's Welfare Board and steps are being taken through ELCOT.
- A sum of Rs. 16.08 lakh has been sanctioned as non-recurring expenditure for purchase of new Inverter Machine and electrical appliances for the use of Directorate of Art and Culture and action is being taken.
- An additional amount of Rs. 3 lakh has been sanctioned as recurring expenditure for enhancing the allotted amount for conducting Tamil Music Festival through Chennai, Madurai, Coimbatore and Thiruvaiyaru Government Music Colleges.
- A sum of Rs. 12.75 lakh has been sanctioned as recurring expenditure for conduct of Tamil Music Festival through 17 District Government Music Schools.

- A sum of Rs. 10 lakh has been sanctioned as non-recurring expenditure for purchase of furniture and fixtures for the use of Chennai, Madurai, Coimbatore and Thiruvaiyaru Government Music Colleges.

- A sum of Rs. 4 lakh has been sanctioned as non recurring expenditure for purchase of new portrait stand, Drilling equipments for the use of the students of Government College of Architecture and Sculpture, Mamallapuram.

- An additional amount of Rs. 11 lakh has been sanctioned as recurring expenditure for enhancing the amount provided for conducting Educational Tour to the students of Government College of Fine Arts, Chennai and Kumbakonam and Government College of Architecture and Sculpture, Mamallapuram

- A sum of Rs. 10 lakh has been sanctioned as recurring expenditure for conduct of Painting – Sculpture Art Exhibition in Seven Regional Art and Cultural Centres, Government College of Fine Arts, Chennai and Kumbakonam and Government College of Architecture and Sculpture, Mamallapuram. Steps are being taken for conduct of art exhibitions.

- An additional amount of Rs. 6.65 lakh has been sanctioned as recurring expenditure for enhancing the allotted amount from Rs. 1,000/- to Rs. 2,000/- for purchase of drawing materials to the students of Government College of Fine Arts, Chennai and Kumbakonam.

- A sum of Rs. 3 lakh has been sanctioned as recurring expenditure for purchase of drawing materials to the students of Government College of Architecture and Sculpture, Mamallapuram.

- A sum of Rs. 7.15 lakh has been sanctioned as recurring expenditure to provide scholarship to 143 students studying in Kalai Kaviri College of Fine Arts, Tiruchirappalli

- A sum of Rs. 7.24 lakh has been sanctioned as non-recurring expenditure for the purchase of new Bolero vehicle for the official use of Assistant Director, Madurai Regional Cultural Centre.

- Orders have been issued for Enhancing the Marriage Assistance given to the registered members of Tamil Nadu Folk Artiste's Welfare Board from Rs. 2,000/- to Rs. 5,000/-

- State Level Winter Camp has been conducted from 24.12.2017 to 31.12.2017 at Tirunelveli District by Tamil Nadu Jawahar Bal Bhavan at a cost of Rs. 2 lakh during 2017-2018.

- District Art Society awards were given to 10 artistes belongs to kancheepuram District for the years 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 and 10 artistes belonging to Thiruvallur District for the years 2014-2015 and 2015-2016.

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TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT

- The Government have sanctioned a sum of Rs.2,147.39 crore for the benefit of the retired and service employees of the Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation, so as to settle the arrears of the pensionary benefits, for the first time in history, and also sanctioned a sum of Rs.291.99 crore for the arrears of DA and Salary deduction. Further, considering the welfare and development of State Transport Undertakings the Government have again sanctioned a sum of Rs.485.23 crore, totally, the Government have sanctioned a tune of Rs.2,924.61 crore to all Transport Corporations.

- Considering the welfare of Public and pleasant travel of the public, Government have operated 416 new buses during the period 16.02.2017 to 30.11.2017 to improve the performance of Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation.

- Further, to improve the special performance of Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporations, on 04.03.2017 & 04.07.2017, on behalf of Metropolitan Transport Corporation (Chennai) Limited, two new depots have been inaugurated in Kannagi Nagar and Perumpakkam. On 04.03.2017, on behalf of Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation (Villupuram) Limited, a new depot has been inaugurated in Sengam and on 08.03.2017, on behalf of Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation (Tirunelveli) Limited, a new depot in Sathankulam and on 18.03.2017 & 04.07.2017 on behalf of Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation (Coimbatore) Limited, two new bus depots have been inaugurated at Bhavani & Aathur i.e, totally 6 new depots have been inaugurated.

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WELFARE OF DIFFERENTLY ABLED PERSONS DEPARTMENT

- Government have issued orders to implement 4% reservation for differently abled persons in employment in Government Departments, Public sector Undertakings, Boards, Corporations and Government owned Education Institutions.
- 14,242 additional number of mentally challenged and severely affected persons have been provided maintenance allowance with additional cost of Rs. 22.93 crore.
- The new building for the office of State Commissioner for the Welfare of Differently-Abled with all infrastructural facilities at a cost of Rs.3.74 crore has been inaugurated.
- For the benefit of the Visual Impaired a scheme is being implemented to supply Smart cane, (modular reflective folding sticks) with new technological features to sense nearby objects. For this purpose a sum of Rs.1.64 crore has been allocated for the year 2016-2017 to benefit about 5,000 persons and additionally Rs.3.62 crore has been allocated for the year 2017-2018 to benefit about 10,000 persons.
- The scheme to supply battery operated special wheel chair for muscular dystrophy persons at cost of Rs.6.50 crore to 1,000 beneficiaries has been launched. The procurement will be completed shortly.
- For the convenience of the visually impaired the Government have installed auditory signals in 150 traffic junctions in Chennai metropolitan city at a cost of Rs.43.82 lakh. Besides, audio alert systems to identify the bus routes has been provided in 75 Buses (10 routes) at a cost of Rs.9.50 lakh in Chennai Metropolitan city.

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YOUTH WELFARE AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

- Rs.552.91 lakh has been sanctioned as high cash incentive to the Sportspersons who had won medals in various International / National competitions and the Coaches.

- Cash incentives for medal winners in National School Games Championship for Individual Event and Team Games (For each Player) has been enhanced to Rs. 2 lakh for Gold medalist, Rs.1.50 lakh for Silver medalist and Rs. 1 lakh for bronze medalist to encourage the sportspersons at young age.

- Cash incentives for medal winners in Asian School Games Championship for Individual Event and Team Games (For each Player) has been enhanced to Rs.4 lakh for Gold medalist, Rs.2.50 lakh for Silver medalist and Rs. 1.50 lakh for bronze medalist.

- Cash incentives for medal winners in World School Games Championship for Individual Event and Team Games (For each Player) has been enhanced to Rs.5 lakh for Gold medalist, Rs.3 lakh for Silver medalist and Rs. 2 lakh for bronze medalist.

- Revised Administrative sanction of Rs.288.20 lakh having additional financial sanction of Rs.121.55 lakh accorded for the construction of "Sports Hostel" at Dharmapuri, Villupuram and The Nilgris.

- Administrative and Financial sanction for Rs.142.35 lakh accorded for providing

Galvalume Sheet Roof with Truss for Volley Ball court and Gallery at Mayor Radhakrishnan Hockey Stadium, Egmore, Chennai.

- NCC Training Academy established at Idayapatti Madurai at the cost of Rs.13.62 crore was inaugurated by Hon'ble Chief Minister on 01.09.2017.
- Rs.45 lakh has been sanctioned for the installation of Flight Simulator at 2(TN) Air Sqn NCC, Coimbatore for training of NCC Cadets.
- Rs.1,312.20 lakh has been sanctioned for the establishment of Centre for Excellence in Sports Biomechanics in the Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University.
- Rs.474.47 lakh has been sanctioned for the construction of Sports Hostel in the Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University.
- Based on the proposal sent by the State Government, Government of India has sanctioned Rs.7 crore each for laying of Synthetic Athletic Track at Thanjavur, Erode and Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University, Chennai, under the Scheme of Khelo India.
- Rs.14.66 crore sanctioned for dismantling of existing structure and construction of New District Sports Complex Building at Kancheepuram.
- Rs.5 crore sanctioned for construction of World Class Aquatic Complex at Manonmanian Sundaranar University campus in Tirunelveli.

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This Government is only a continuation
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